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CUP KICKS OFF



West Germany and Poland kick off the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina at about 4.30 on Friday morning (Eastern Standard time).

Germany, along with Brazil and Argentina, is one of the Cup favorites. Poland came third in 1974.

In this souvenir issue of "Soccer Action" we present the full match program, a TV guide to the Cup, profiles on the top players and statistics and reminiscences of past World Cups.



● **BRAZIL**, standing from left: Ze Maria, Leao, Luiz Pereira, Edinho, Cerezo, Rodriguez, Neto, trainer Chirio. Front: masseur Nocaute, Gil, Paulo Isidoro, Roberto, Rivellino, Paulo Cesar; missing: Zico, Oscar, Toninho, Amaral, Tarciso, Reinaldo, Dirceu.

TV guide

Twelve World Cup games, including the final, will be shown on television throughout Australia by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The ceremony and the first game between West Germany and Poland will be shown live from about 2 a.m. on Friday, June 2.

The final and the play-off for third place will also be shown live. The other games will be replays.

An hour of match highlights will be shown at 6 pm and the games will be shown in full at 10 pm.

First round matches to be shown are:

Hungary v. Argentina, June 6, 6 pm and 10 pm.

Peru v. Scotland, June 7, 6 pm and 10.25 pm.

Italy v. Hungary, June 10, highlights 6 pm.

Brazil v. Spain, June 11, 5 pm and 10.05 pm.

Italy v. Argentina, June 14, 6 pm and 10.25 pm.

Holland v. Scotland, June 15, 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

Second-round games to be shown are:

Winner of Group One v. runner-up Group Two, June 18, 5 pm and 10.05 pm.

Winner Group Four v. winner Group Two, June 22, 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

Runner-up Group Four v. winner Group One, June 23 6 pm and 10.10 pm.

The play-off for third place will be shown live from about 4 am on Sunday, June 25.

The final will be shown direct at about the same time on Monday, June 26. The match will be repeated in full at 8.30 pm that night.

First Final Round / Premier Tour Final / Primera Vuelta Final / Erste Finalrunde

Group I	2.6.	6.6.	10.6.
Buenos Aires	19.15h. HUNGARY v. ARGENTINA	ARGENTINA v. FRANCE	ITALY v. ARGENTINA
Mar del Plata	13.45h. FRANCE v. ITALY	ITALY v. HUNGARY	FRANCE v. HUNGARY
Group II	1.6. (Opening Match)		
Buenos Aires	15.00h. GERMANY FR v. POLAND		
	2.6.	6.6.	10.6.
Rosario	16.45h. TUNISIA v. MEXICO	POLAND v. TUNISIA	MEXICO v. POLAND
Cordoba	16.45h.	MEXICO v. GERMANY FR	TUNISIA v. GERMANY FR
Group III	3.6.	7.6.	11.6.
Buenos Aires (V.S.)	13.45h. SPAIN v. AUSTRIA	AUSTRIA v. SWEDEN	SWEDEN v. SPAIN
Mar del Plata	13.45h. SWEDEN v. BRAZIL	BRAZIL v. SPAIN	BRAZIL v. AUSTRIA
Group IV	3.6.	7.6.	11.6.
Cordoba	16.45h. PERU v. SCOTLAND	SCOTLAND v. IRAN	PERU v. IRAN
Mendoza	16.45h. IRAN v. NETHERLANDS	NETHERLANDS v. PERU	SCOTLAND v. NETHERLANDS

Winner/Vainqueur/Vencedor/Sieger:

Group I = A1

Group II = B6

Group III = A3

Group IV = B8

Second/Deuxième/Segundo/Zweiter:

Group I = B5

Group II = A2

Group III = B7

Group IV = A4

Second Final Round / Deuxième Tour Final / Segunda Vuelta Final / Zweite Finalrunde

Group A	14.6. - 13.45h	18.6. - 16.45h	21.6. - 13.45h
Buenos Aires	A2 v. A1	A1 v. A3	A4 v. A1
Cordoba	A3 v. A4	A4 v. A2	A3 v. A2
Group B	14.6. - 16.45h	18.6. - 13.45h	21.6. - 16.45h
Rosario	B6 v. B5	B5 v. B7	B8 v. B5
Mendoza	B7 v. B8	B8 v. B6	B7 v. B6

A1 or B5: If Argentina: 19.15 h.

3rd Place Match / Match pour la 3^e place / Partido por el 3^o puesto / Spiel um den 3. Platz

24.6. 15.00 h. Buenos Aires Second A v. Second B

Final / Finale

25.6. 15.00 h. Buenos Aires Winner A v. Winner B

NOTE: Australian Eastern Standard time is about 13½ hours ahead of Buenos Aires time.



POLAND: from left: Kazimierz Deyna, Jam Tomaszewski, Jerzy Gorgon, Musial (no longer in team); Antoni Szymanowski, Henryk Kasperczak, Andrzej Szarmach, Robert Gadocha (no longer in team), Wladyslaw Zmuda, Grzegorz Lato, Maszczyk (no longer in team). Players missing include: Henryk Maciejewicz, Zbigniew Boniek, Leslaw Cmikiewicz, Wlodzimierz Lubanski.



ARGENTINA: back row from left: Rono Houseman, Daniel Killer, Jorge Olguin, Jorge Carrascosa (no longer in team), Hugo Gatti, Alberto Tarantini. Front: Americo Gallego, Osvaldo Ardiles, Leopoldo Luque, Ricardo Villa, Daniel Bortoni. Missing: Mario Kompos, Osvaldo Piazza, Daniel Passarella, Oscar Ortiz.

● **WEST GERMANY:** standing from left: Sepp Maier, Rainer Bonhof, Rolf Ruesmann, Manfred Kaltz, Erich Beer, Georg Volkert; front: Bert Vogts, Ruediger Abramczik, Bernd Hoeszenbein, Klaus Fischer, Bernhard Dietz. Missing: Dieter Mueller, Heinz Flohe, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Man on the spot



"Soccer Action" columnist Zika Nikolic (pictured) is in Argentina to provide an on-the-spot coverage of the World Cup.

Nikolic also covered the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

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Games

This week's Philips League games:

IN MELBOURNE
Footscray JUST v
Brisbane City, Schintler
Reserve, Saturday 3 pm.
Alexander v Marconi,
Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v
Hakoah, Perry Park, Sun-
day 3 pm.
Brisbane Lions v
Footscray JUST, Perry
Park, Monday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Olympic v St
Melbourne Hellas,
Wentworth Park, Sunday
3 pm.
St George v W. Adel.
Hellas, Barton Park, Sun-
day 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
Adel Juventus v
Canberra, Olympic
Sports Field, Sunday 3
pm.

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB v
Western Suburbs, Inter-
national Sports Centre,
Saturday 3 pm.

STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	6	1	0	22	8	3	0	0	8	11
W. Adel Hellas	3	0	3	11	10	4	2	1	8	16
Hakoah-East	2	2	2	13	5	4	1	2	17	10
St. Mel Hellas	2	3	2	7	7	2	3	1	7	5
Brisbane Lions	1	3	1	6	7	3	1	1	12	10
West Suburbs	3	1	1	12	9	2	3	1	11	14
Fitz Alexander	2	2	2	6	6	2	3	2	10	15
Brisbane City	4	0	3	9	6	2	0	4	7	11
Canberra	0	7	0	10	10	1	2	3	5	9
Adel Juventus	2	2	3	8	8	1	2	3	7	12
Footscray JUST	1	1	4	4	8	1	2	3	7	12
Newcastle	0	3	3	3	13	2	3	1	5	9
Sydney Olympic	1	2	4	6	12	2	2	2	6	10
St. George	3	0	3	9	9	1	1	5	6	10

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

REILLY (1)
(SM-Hellas)

MULLEN (3)
(Hakoah)

BROWN (3)
(Canberra)

ILIOSKI (2)
(JUST)

LUJIC (2)
(JUST)

GNANI (1)
(St. Geo)

GAFFNEY (2)
(Brisb C)

ROONEY (3)
(Marconi)

WATSON (1)
(Hakoah)

PILLANS (1)
(WA-Hellas)

SHARNE (5)
(Marconi)

Top Philips League scorers, for the Konstantine Jewel Box award:

6. Jankovic (Marc)
7. Cole (Alex), Ollerton (SM-Hellas), C. Eaton (West Sub)
6. Gruljic (Can), Vieri (Marc), Boden (Newc), O'Connor (St. G), Fisher (West Sub)
5. J. Campbell (Alex), Marley (Br. C), Hughes (Lions), Sharne (Marc), Watson (Hak), Silva (Hak)
4. T. Byrne (Can), Mariani (Marc), E. Campbell (Hak), J. Nykohous (Ad. Juv)

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Konstantine's Jewel Box

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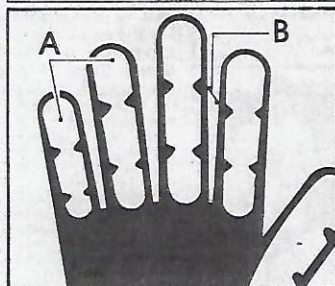


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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

HAKOAH 5 (Watson 2, Silva, Trenter, Don Allan own goal) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney. CROWD: 5928 (double-header).

Ratings by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 9, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 7, Souness 7, Barnes 7, Watson 9, Trenter 8, Silva 9.

OLYMPIC: Meler 6, Luckett 5, Palmer 6, Marklend 5, Bell 6, Stravopodis 6, (Wilson 63rd min.), Laling 6 (Ainslie 63rd min), Don Allan 5, Pirie 6, Devouris 8, Cross 6.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Vernon 2) ST GEROG 1 (Morgan) at Wentworth Park, Crowd 5928.

Ratings by John Taylor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Lechowicz 8, Skellern 8, Anudinoff 6, Rowden 6, Turnbull 8, Harding 6, Stone 8, O'Donnell 6, Scott 6 (Fisher 83), Eaton 6, Vernon 7.

ST. GEORGE: Coe 6, M. O'Shea 6, Grosse 7, Morgan 7, Harris 6, Jones 7, J. O'Shea 7, Gnani 8, Mendez 6, Hensman 6, O'Connor 8.

MARCONI 4 (Sharne 2, Mariani, Drinkwater own goal)

NEWCASTLE 2 (Galpin 2) at Marconi Oval, crowd 8936.

Ratings by Alex Vesic.

MARCONI: Maher 6, Brogan 6, Russell 7, Prakslo 8, Degney 8, Richards 7, Vieri 7, Rooney 8, Williams 6, Mariani 7, Sharne 9.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Willis 8, Drinkwater 7, Summercales 7, Curran 8, Hardes 6, Mason 7, Johnston 6, Smedden 6, Tredinnick 6, Boden 7, Galpin 8.

STH MELB HELLAS 0 CANBERRA 0 at Middle Park, crowd 3500.

Ratings by Steve Kovdos.

STH MELB: Reilly 8, Hagegmanouli 6, Pye 6, Kafetadid 6, Baxter 8, Wright 6, Rogers 8, Christopoulos 6, Kent 6, Campbell 7, Ollerton 6.

CANBERRA: Tilied 7, Moulla 7, Marinello 8, Henderson 8, Heywood 6, Parker 6, Hogg 6, Grulic 7, Stark 7, Cant 7, Brown 9.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Reynolds, Norrie)

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 1 (Marocchi). Olympic Sports Field, Crowd 13,051.

Ratings by Frank Pangelio.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Tymczyszyn 7, Reynolds 7, McGachey 7, Kampas 7, Jones 7, Boyle 7, Pillane 9, Norrie 7, Honeyman 8, McGregor 7 (Bozanic 72 min).

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: Marshall 7, B. Nykohous 6, Yung 6, Beal 7, Lister 5 (Muir 89 min), Perin 6, McCluskey 6, Fyfe 8, Kosmina 5 (Northcote 89 min) J. Nykohous 8, Marocchi 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Palinkas) FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Cole 2) at Schintler Reserve, crowd about 4500.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

ALEXANDER: Slasky 6, McMillan 8, Provan 6, O'Reilly 8, Tansay 6, Campbell 7, Bannon 7, Micevski 7, Selemidie 5, (Taylor 6, half time) Bozakis 7, Cole 7.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8, Hazabent 7, Kondarlos 8, Ilioski 8, Lujic 8, Nicolaidis 6, Picloane 6, Rujevic 8, Palinkas 6, Zele 5, Ristovski 7.

BRISBANE CITY 0 BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Spearritt) at Perry Park, crowd 4750.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

CITY: Wishart 5, Rathmell 6, Tokes 7, Perry 7, Kibbey 6, Gaffney 7, Fagan 6 (Pimblett 74th), Johnston 6, Echeverria 5 (Connor 65th) Marley 8, Coyne 8.

LIONS: Lownds 8, Wilson 8, Hermiton 7, Bennett 7, Peitler 5, Hughes 7, Spearritt 7 (Neale, 84th), Morris 6, Ontong 6, Fairbrother 8, Laslo 7.

NEWCASTLE 2 (Boden, Curran) BRISBANE CITY 3 (Mason own goal, Gaffney, Coyne) at International Sports Centre Wednesday night.

Ratings by Joe Lazoni.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 8, Willis 7, Curran 8, Summercales 7, Drinkwater 8, Hardes 6, (Tredinnick 63rd), Johnston 6, Mason 6, Gelpin 6, Mountford 7, Boden 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Kibbey 8, Iozelli 6, sent off, Tokes 8, Perry 7, Gaffney 6, Fagan 6, Johnston 6 (Pimblett 68th), Coldwell 6 sent off, Marley 6, Coyne 8.

Boland still tops

Leading averages of eligible players:

8.3 Boland (JUST).

8.0 Perry (Br. C).

7.8 Vieri (Marc), Kampas (WA-Hellas).

7.6 Boden (Newc).

7.5 Degney (Marc), Rooney (Marc), Sharne (Marc), O'Connor (St. G), Hermiton (Lions).

7.4 Tilied (Can), McGachey (WA-Hellas).

7.3 Boyle (WA-Hellas), B. Nykohous (Ad. Juv), Richards (Marc), Prakslo (Marc), Brown (Can), Henderson (Can), Gaffney (Br. C).

7.2 Stark (Can), Palinkas (JUST), Picloane (JUST), Maher (Marc), Russell (Marc), Summercales (Newc), Meier (Oly).

7.1 Lownds (Lions), Cant (Can), Kondarlos (JUST), Rudjovic (JUST), Lujic (JUST), Lister (Ad. Juv), Marshall (Ad. Juv), Kafetadid (St. Hellas), Jones (WA-Hellas).

HELLAS TO BEAT J.U.S.T.

The loser of tonight's (Wednesday) Phillips cup game between South Melbourne Hellas and Footscray J.U.S.T. will probably have to wear the unenviable tag of the only P.S.L. team that didn't make it through to the second round.

The tie, which will be played at Olympic Park (kick off, 8 p.m.) is the only first round game which involves two P.S.L. sides. All the other national league clubs have beaten, or will play State Leagues sides. There are no upsets expected in the remaining games — **Makoah Eastern Suburbs v Southside Eagles** (Q) at Perry Park, Brisbane tonight, **Marconi v Sydney Croatia** at Marconi Oval tonight (kick off, 8 p.m.) and **Brisbane City v St. George South** (Q) at Perry Park, June 14.

By KYLE PATTERSON

Hellas will start favorite in the big game, although Bertie Lutton is still sidelined with an ankle injury, and Hellas missed his classy and creative play in the midfield.

With Billy Rogers running into some form after a slow start to the season, and the talented Sammy Wright, the Hellas midfield should be too strong for J.U.S.T.'s middle three.

Joe Picciano, the J.U.S.T. workhorse with the Brazilian ball skills, will have to work overtime but he can be relied upon to give 100% effort.

Zoran Illoki will drop back from midfield to the sweeper position, left vacant by the unavailability of Jim Kiriak, sidelined with a back injury. Kiriak has fought gamely to overcome the pain from a nagging back injury but it has become too much.

J.U.S.T.'s strength is the team's wingers. Joe Palinkas has the speed to outrun the Hellas full

backs, Margaritis Hagegmanouli and Mike Pye, while Mendo Ristovski is unstoppable on his day.

The duel between Jim Kondarjos and Peter Ollerton will have a big bearing on the game. Hellas pumps plenty of high balls at big 'Ollie', but Kondarjos is dominant in the air. However, the last time the two met, Ollerton scored two goals, so he will have to be watched closely.

Dragan Vasic of J.U.S.T. and George Campbell of Hellas are two forwards who are full of ability, but haven't shone lately. The game is expected to be fast and open, so their goalscoring skills could be on show.

A good crowd is expected, and both teams will be desperate to do well in the cup, now that their hopes of winning the league championship are gone.

Likely lineups — J.U.S.T. Boland, Hazabent, Illoki, Kondarjos, Lujic, Rujovic, Picciano, Nicolaidis, Palinkas, Vasic, Ristovski. **HELLAS** — Rogers, Pye, Baxter, Kalafitidis, Hagegmanouli, Rogers, Lutton, Wright, Campbell, Ollerton, Kent.



• Lou Kastner

All former George Cross goalkeeper Lou Kastner needs is a club with \$2000 and his seven-week battle to leave the 'Cross will be over.

Kastner is on the transfer list, and at \$2000 he's a bargain in today's world of inflated transfer fees.

It took a Supreme Court writ and thousands of dollars in legal expenses to get George Cross to clear Kastner. In the end, the matter was settled out of court, bringing to a close Kastner's 18-year association with the Maltese club.

After many stormy incidents, Kastner decided he'd had enough and walked out earlier this season, saying he would never play for George Cross again. The club retaliated by refusing to clear the star keeper.

Kastner won in the end, saying he was "relieved and glad to be away from the club."

"I'm disgusted by the way the club treated me after so much service," continued Kastner, "but now I just want to find another club and start playing as soon as possible."

The settlement calls for \$1000 of the transfer fee to go to George Cross, and \$1000 to Kastner to help pay his legal costs. The money first has to be paid to the Victorian Soccer Federation, which takes responsibility for distributing the money.

It's believed the total legal expenses of the three parties involved — George Cross,

\$2000
price for
Kastner

Kastner and the V.S.F. — came to around \$10,000.

This expense could have been eliminated if commonsense had prevailed.

John Kennedy, the former Hellas and Alexander keeper, is considering similar action in a bid to gain a transfer from Essendon Croatia — **KYLE PATTERSON**.

June, '79
for Milan

Gianni Rivera will tour Australia in June, 1979 with AC Milan.

The chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Mr Michael Weinstein said earlier moves to get the team to play in Australia next month or in July had failed because of prior touring commitments and an Italian Soccer Federation ruling that all players must take their annual holidays in July.

Mr Weinstein said he had received a "firm undertaking" that the team would tour in June, 1979.

Milan will play games in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

We can make it to Spain : Kosmina

By FRANK PANGALLO

Soccero John Kosmina was quite philosophical and to the point.

"I didn't think it would be that hard to make Arsenal's senior side," he confessed.

Kosmina arrived back in Australia three weeks ago after spending three months trying to "make it or break it" with the Gunners.

He played 13 games for the Arsenal reserves where he netted four times and managed to make it to the substitutes bench for the senior's last match against Derby.

"I thought I would get a chance but I was disappointed when I didn't," said Kosmina.

The young star says he has no regrets about pursuing a professional football career in the U.K. and is determined to make the grade.

"It's a hard life but a good one," he said. "You have to be dedicated... there's just no time to relax."

"I think my attitude to the game has changed and I'm better for the time I've spent in London."

Kosmina admits he went to England at the wrong time.

"By the time I had arrived, the squad had been in training six months and most of the season had been played," he said.

"That put me behind the eight-ball for a start because I wasn't as fit as they were."

Training is solid and was never meant to be appealing and Kosmina didn't take long to find out.

"Sometimes there's no joy run into the ground?"

Kosmina wants to try to break into the Arsenal side next season before he evaluates his position.

"I think if I'm given a fair go I can make it and it should help because I will be there at the start of training in July."

an optimistic Kosmina said.

But his experience has left him with big and not so big impressions of Arsenal players.

On midfielder Liam Brady: "He's brilliant and has the best left-foot shot I've seen apart from Brazil's Rivelino. He has so much skill and is only just reaching his peak."

Malcolm "Supermac" MacDonald: "He plays to his strength and has a good shot. Not an extraordinary player but he has his useful points, I guess."

David O'Leary: "A gutsy player who doesn't give in and is always in there fighting. A stout defender."

Willie Young: "Accelerates remarkably well and has the touches to go with it."

Pat Jennings: "He seems to get better as he gets older. Probably has the safest pair of hands in England. A perceptive player who reads the play extremely well."

Kosmina recalls he was a bit apprehensive when he first trained with the Gunner's Stars, but hardly overawed.

"I sometimes had to question my own confidence," he joked.

On the inevitable comparison between Phillips League and U.K. professionals Kosmina said: "We are not a long way behind them and once Australia turns professional we will undoubtedly get closer."

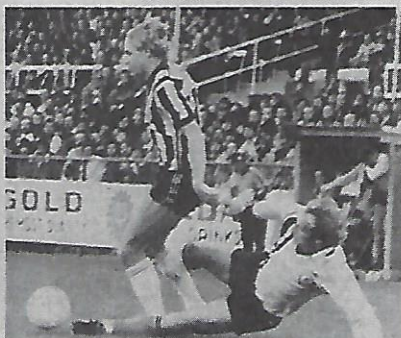
"Here you can get away with lots of things you can't in England."

For example, you can receive the ball and have plenty of field space to move but over there you have to be quick and keep the ball moving.

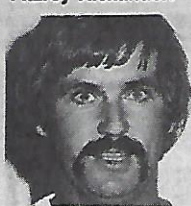
"The pace is much slower here but there's no question we're getting there."

Kosmina wants to achieve one big ambition... and it is not to represent Arsenal at Wembley in a cup final.

"Hopefully, if the Australian Soccer Federation decides to spend money and is prepared to get a side together early, we'll play in Spain in 1982," he added.



John Kosmina, in the stripes of Adelaide Juventus, is tackled by Jim O'Reilly of Fitzroy Alexander.



Gardiner
quits
Croatia

John Gardiner, twice winner of the Victorian Rothmans Medal, has resigned as coach of Essendon Croatia.

Gardiner quit after a sub-committee representing the club administration called on him to discuss complaints from players and officials made about him in his role as coach.

Croatia spokesman Fred Burin said the club couldn't allow the growing dissatisfaction about Gardiner to continue.

"We had to sort out the problems," he said, "because temporary success is not as important as the harmony of the team. We approached Gardiner, but he walked out."

Gardiner said the conflict started when the club began to tell him what to do.

"The committee and I did not see eye to eye," said Gardiner. He told the club that if he was still required as a player then Croatia should contact him.

Croatia and Gardiner have had a topsy-turvy relationship. He joined the club when it was known as Lions, in 1976, but transferred to South Melbourne Hellas early in 1977. At the start of this season he transferred back to the club and was appointed player/coach.

It's believed that one sore spot between Gardiner and the club was the signing of new goalkeeper Vjekoslav ("Yakka") Banovic from Adelaide Croatia. Gardiner was hopeful of securing the services of his old George Cross team mate Lou Kastner. Until a new coach is appointed, Billy McArthur, who coaches the club's reserve and under 19 teams, and assistant coach Duje Zamunlik, who look after the first team.

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Greig is new coach

GLASGOW — Rangers left back and skipper John Greig has been appointed manager of the Glasgow club in succession to Jock Wallace, who resigned last week.

Greig, who has been 18 years with Rangers, is their longest-serving player.

Wallace shocked Scottish soccer when he resigned to become the new boss of English Second Division Leicester City.

Wallace twice took Rangers to the treble-league title,

League and FA Cups — in the past three seasons.

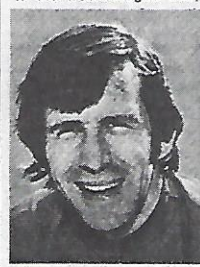
Leicester, without a manager since Frank McLintock's departure towards the end of the season, had talk with Wallace two weeks ago.

The deal was finalised at the weekend, with Wallace earning about 25,000 sterling (40,500 Aust dollars) a year on a long term contract.

China gets support

LIMA — China's future membership of FIFA may be raised at the FIFA congress in Buenos Aires at the end of this month, a South American Football Confederation (CSF) spokesman said here last week.

The spokesman was commenting on a CSF decision to support Chinese membership of football's ruling body. The decision followed a meeting between CSF president Teddio Salas, of Peru, and the secretary-general of the Chinese Sports Federation,



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Garincho didn't understand it all

1950 — Brazil was playing Chile in the newly-inaugurated Maracana Stadium in Rio when the news was flashed through from Belo Horizonte — the United States had just beaten England. Nobody could believe it; had the English team been playing with eight men or suddenly blind by some strange disease?

1954 — In Switzerland, hopping from town to town, to cover the camps of the World Cup finalists, my photographer and I, his heels clicking away. This modest young Brazilian, who knew his subject well, was less learned in the German language, remained silent until we emerged from Bern railway station onto the Bahnhofsplatz. At that point he could keep it in no longer. "The Bahnhofsplatz must be a pretty big concern — maybe even bigger than General Motors. Look, they have branches everywhere — Pharmacy, Bahnhof, Cafe Bahnhof, Bahnhof, and so on. Everything. Here, they even have their own square!"

1958 — People still do not believe it, but it is true it was on the eve of the Brazil v. France World Cup semi-final in Sweden and it was the last opportunity for journalists to visit the Brazilian camp in a hotel near Rasunda. There I met my friend Garincho, the immortal right-winger, a man without nerves who could not care less before a match who his opponent was or what was a stake. Suddenly he asked me if I could give him some "inside information." "Hey, tell me something, I hear I'll always use the first person singular" have to play the French tomorrow, but what happens then?"

I could hardly believe he was serious but I answered anyway. "Well, if you win, you play the final game against the winner of the Sweden v. Germany match."

"Oh, I see. Then what?"

"What do you mean 'then what' if you win again, you are world champion."

"Oh, I see," he said, not entirely convinced. "You mean there are no return matches in this thing?"

1962 — The final was over, Brazil had just won the Jules Rimet cup for the second time by outclassing Czechoslovakia. There was no address in the Czech cabin. Their coach told journalists they could never beat an opponent who had Santos, Didi, Garrincha and Zagallo. After most people, including the coach, had left, a young desperate reporter from a small paper rushed in and apparently mistook me for the Czech coach. "What did you think of the game?" he asked.

Knowing the coach had left and how important it probably was to the young man to get his interview, I repeated verbatim what the coach had told me. I've never seen anyone so happy as that young reporter. After all, he never bothered to ask me if I was the coach and I never said I was.

1966 — The biggest sensation in football history — North Korea knocked out Italy in the World Cup quarter-finals. After the match, the journalists rushed to the Korean headquarters to talk to the coach. After waiting for more than an hour, a good-looking, young and extremely robust lady ap-

peared and she said she was ready for the interview. As we gaped, she said, "I am the only sole representative of the Korean delegation, so I am the one who shall speak to you."

There was nothing to do but ask her for the secret of the Korean victory.

"What do you mean secret? We have no secrets. We play better football than anybody, with the possible exception of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

"We are going to beat Portugal and everybody and play in the final against the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the only team that can match us, to decide who is the greatest in the world."

We asked what tactics, strategy, training methods the Koreans would use.

"No tactics, no strategy, no methods. We just win. Thank you gentlemen. I finished."

1970 — Mexico, Brazil has won its third cup. Total delirium in the stadium. Tens of thousands of fans swarm across the pitch to get near the defeated Italian players walking slowly down the tunnel to the dressing rooms. Moments later, a huge crowd pours into the tunnel, following the great Pele. I see two Mexicans (Mexican girl hostesses) dive for cover into a little room. They certainly got a shock. The room was for anti doping checks and there, stark naked, stood Italian stars Alborezzi, Rivera and Boninaghi. No shades, no furniture, nowhere to turn.

1974 — The world cup in Germany is coming to its climax with the Netherlands v. Brazil semi-final in Hanover. As if there was not enough tension, it was learned that the United States Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, would attend, with tight security around the stadium and especially around the part of the grandstand where he was to sit with German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

More than an hour before kick-off, I was snooping around to see how I could watch the two great men during the match and perhaps get a bit of extra "color" for my report. I took a seat directly behind the plush armchairs for the ministers and lit a cigarette. Eventually, some German security man appeared, examined every seat in the area and evacuated everyone. Except me. With my Scotland-Yard trench coat, they must have taken me for an American security officer even greeted me with a deep-throated, "American Hello. So I got so sit behind Henry and Hans-Dietrich for the whole match and appeared on all the TV receivers in the world. Except, unfortunately for me and my editors, the two hardy exchanged one word during the whole 90 minutes.

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By JANOS LENGUEL of "O Globo", Rio de Janeiro, who is covering his eighth World Cup.

Saltitator and actor Peter Ustinov came out with one of the most quotable quotes in the days leading up to the 1974 tournament in West Germany.

Ustinov said: "The secret of the Zaire players' success is that they eat only monkey meat. It's reported that their hotel chef is in a dither. He doesn't know where to get monkey meat or how to make gorilla-flavored ice cream."

Former West German coach Sepp Herberger blasts the Italian team, saying: "Their long-standing emphasis on defence is a cardinal sin. You would expect much more attacking flair from these instinctively temperamental people. They have put a break on this temperament and by doing so have hindered their football progress."

In Sindelfingen, a 17-year-old hotel employee claims she was sexually assaulted by Argentinian player Robert Telch, 30. West German coach Helmut Schoen triggers a public outcry by rejecting star midfielder Guenter Netzer, preferring Wolfgang Overath instead, and Scottish coach Willie Ormond bans Jimmy Johnstone from the first game against Zaire, because Johnstone has been caught drinking.

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All the placings

Top four placings in all World Cups:
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1938 (in France): 1. ITALY, 2. Hungary, 3. Brazil, 4. Sweden.
1950 (in Brazil): 1. URUGUAY, 2. Brazil, 3. Sweden, 4. Spain.
1954 (in Switzerland): 1. GERMANY, 2. Hungary, 3. Austria, 4. Uruguay.
1958 (in Sweden): 1. BRAZIL, 2. Sweden, 3. France, 4. Germany.
1962 (in Chile): 1. BRAZIL, 2. Czechoslovakia, 3. Chile, 4. Yugoslavia.
1966 (in England): 1. ENGLAND, 2. Germany, 3. Portugal, 4. USSR.
1970 (in Mexico): 1. BRAZIL, 2. Italy, 3. Germany, 4. Uruguay.
1974 (in Germany): 1. GERMANY, 2. Holland, 3. Poland, 4. Brazil.

Schaefer... Mueller, decline of Italy and the matter of sex...

By LAURIE SCHWAB who was with the Socceros at the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany.

own goal by Col Curran. However, the Australian partitioner Adrian Alston and Branko Blujic, play well. Gerd Mueller, of Germany, Australia's next opponent, says: "That Manfred Schaefer... he can certainly play football." Schaefer, preparing for his job of marking Mueller, says: "I have been preparing for weeks for this 90-minute duel with Mueller. I will put everything I have into it. Should Mueller remain goalless in the game against us, it will be the greatest achievement of my soccer career."

When I visit the Australian camp at Ochsenzoll in Hamburg, I am greeted by two policemen with machine guns and an official who tells me no-one is allowed to enter the Australians. Earlier I had found it almost impossible to get through by phone, but I try again anyway. Someone answers, I tell him I want to speak to coach Rale Rasic and he hangs up in my ear. I dial the number four more times and each time the same thing happens. Later, I see team manager John O'Connell in the grounds of the Ochsenzoll camp, just before the "am is about to board its bus. I call "day over and he tells me no-one is allowed to talk to the Australians on match day. What's more, the press isn't allowed into the camp at any time, without extra special permission. Do the Aussies think their own press will plant a bomb in the camp or gun down the players? When I spot Rasic, I ask him how to go about getting through by bus. He says, "I don't know," he says. "Say you're my brother and that it's a matter of life or death."

Meanwhile, Sweden's press men are unable to get rooms in the hotel at which their team is staying. The team travels by bus to the pressmen's hotel to give interviews.

For six minutes, tiny Haiti leads Italy 1-0 and for six minutes, black Haitian forward Emmanuel Sanon is the most popular player in the World Cup. The best strikers in the world had tried for 1143 minutes of international football to beat Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff. Where Gerd Mueller, Rivelino, Jairzinho and company had failed, Sanon succeeds brilliantly. Two minutes after half time Sanon gets the ball near the half line, tears away from the Italian holding onto it, dribbles around Zoff and puts it into the lead. Actually, Zoff had conceded a goal pre-World Cup, but not in an international match. It was against a youth team of Kickers Stuttgart, Italy won 1-0 and 16-year-old striker Stutzberger proved that Zoff was fallible after all.

Australia loses 0-3 to West Germany. Mueller does manage to

score against Schaefer, the other two goals coming from Bernd Bransch and Wolfgang Overath, while Australia's Attila Abonyi hits the post. Franz Beckenbauer, idol of German fans, is misunderstood by the Hamburg crowd which boos him continuously late in the match. In a man-to-man duel with Col Curran, Beckenbauer accidentally concedes a corner. The crowd realises it but referee Kamel of Egypt does not. Beckenbauer picks up the ball intending to place it in the corner for Curran, but Kamel awards a free kick to Beckenbauer instead. Confused, Beckenbauer stands there for a few seconds, with the ball in his arms. The crowd's interpretation is that Beckenbauer doesn't want to give the ball to Curran, so it starts booing the national captain. Annoyed, Beckenbauer makes "shut-up" hand gestures to the crowd, which alienates him even more. When Australia sees more of the action, the second half starts fast. "Hand gestures to the crowd," chanted "Aus-trail-ien! Aus-trail-ien!"

After the game, Mueller fires a salvo at the Australian captain Peter Wilson. "That man is very rough," he says. "It seems he couldn't care less whether he kicked the ball, a leg or a head." Of his shadow, Manfred Schaefer, Mueller says: "He was tough but not hard." Schaefer describes the match as the most difficult of his life and the highlight of his career. Beckenbauer, remembering a nifty attack during which Alston beat him and also Georg Schwarzenbeck, said: "I was tough but not hard." At the time, listen, we're about as sharp as a pair of grandpas."

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ASF president Sir Arthur George pays tribute to the Socceros: "You have put Australia on the map for 700 million TV viewers much more effectively than all the diplomatic people who go overseas and spend hundreds and thousands of dollars," he tells them.

Poland beats Italy 2-1 in Stuttgart, signalling the end of a once-great but now ageing team. Sandro Mazzola is the only Italian who justifies his reputation.

The Dutch are soothed by sex. Realising their players are feeling lonely Dutch coach Rinus Michels tells his wives to visit for two days. Mrs. Rudi Krol, wife of the famous defender, says: "I find the situation a bit cheap."

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Brazil, gifted in 1934 years with stars like Pele, Garrincha, and Tostao, is now a glamor boy. He is centre back Luis Peres, a former motor mechanic who now earns \$1500 a week from soccer.

Although the big black destroyer looks formidable on the field, he is really a softie at heart. He says when he gets homesick — and that's quite often — he locks himself in his hotel room and listens to a tape recording of his three-year-old daughter Lais.

Vladislav Cap, coach of Argentina which has lost to Holland 0-4, says Johann Cruyff the highest of tributes. Cap compares Cruyff with Alfredo Di Stefano, the one-time Real Madrid star. "Di Stefano was certainly a masterful player," says Cap, "but Cruyff is much, much better."

Yugoslav left winger Dragan Dzalic describes Germany's Bert Vogts as the greatest defender in the world. "I have played against him three times now," says Dzalic, "but he had never been as fast as strong or as uncompromising as he was in our game against West Germany. I knew after only 15 minutes that he had no chance against him. I hope his team wins the world championship. Vogts deserves it."

Former Brazilian coach Jose Saldanha, 56, lashes out at his successor Mario Zagallo, on the eve of Brazil's crucial match against Holland. "It would be a low to world soccer if Brazil, with its nerve-wracking defensive tactics, remains world champion. Zagallo is a coward. I know him as an intelligent man but he is destroying Brazilian football with his cowardly approach. Zagallo's system does our greatest strikers to failure. Expensive and talented men like Jairzinho, Cesar and Miranda are almost relieved when they are not picked in the team. Zagallo has embittered our spectators. In Rio, where his example has been followed by other coaches, gates have fallen from an average of 58,000 to an average of 19,000 in the past season. Zagallo is a poor psychologist. For months, he was in a training camp with 25 players, but he was too busy to go to the World Cup. This created war among the players. Zagallo has failed to remain independent of Brazil's football politics. He accepted international matches which did nothing but harm to our federation president Jose Havelange who wanted to become boss of FIFA. Zagallo has destroyed our midfield star Clodoaldo who was used in difficult matters despite the fact that he was injured. The result was that Clodoaldo was unable to participate in the world championships. The matches so far have provided ample proof that Brazil needs him desperately. Zagallo defends himself against similar charges, saying Brazil has its finest defence yet and is obliged to make full use of it."

West Germany is lucky to beat Poland 1-0 on a rain-soaked pitch

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Mueller top scorer

- Top scorers in each of the World Cup finals series:
- 1930: Stabile (Argentina): 8 goals
 - 1934: Nejedlik (Czech): 5
 - 1938: Leonidas (Brazil): 4
 - 1950: Ademir (Brazil): 7
 - 1954: Kocsis (Hungary): 11
 - 1958: Fontaine (France): 13
 - 1962: Garrincha (Brazil): 4
 - 1966: Jerkovich (USSR): 4
 - 1970: Sanchez (Chile): 4
 - 1974: Vava (Brazil): 4
 - 1978: Eusebio (Portugal): 10
 - 1976: Mueller (Germany): 7
 - 1974: Lato (Poland): 7
- Overall top scorers in World Cup finals series:
- 1. Gerd Mueller (Germany), 1970, 74.
 - 2. Just Fontaine (France), 1958.

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GERMANY, SAY THE EXPERTS

West Germany to win the World Cup — that's the view of a majority of leading coaches.

The German SID news agency collected the following views from experts:

MILJAN MILJANIC, former coach of Real Madrid and Yugoslavia: "West Germany, even though the finals are in South America."

LADISLAV KUBALA, coach of Spain: "West Germany plays the only true modern football. Their class should prevail in Argentina."

IVAN TOPLAK of Yugoslavia: "South American teams will dominate. Only West Germany could do well from Europe."

RINUS MICHELS, Holland's 1974 World Cup coach before he joined Barcelona: "I take Brazil to win its fourth World Cup. I go so far as to predict a Brazil-Argentina final."

DON REVIE, former coach of England: "West Germany could play an important role against the South Americans."

ENZO BEARZOT, coach of Italy: "West Germany gets my nod for a third World Cup victory, although I hope Italy will have a strong bid."

MICHEL HIDALGO, coach of France: "West Germany and Italy will be the best from Europe, but Brazil and Argentina are my favorites."

VACLAV JEZEK, of Czechoslovakia: "Only the West Germans can compete with the South Americans in Argentina."

WILLIE ORMOND, former



Kubala, coach of Spain

coach of Scotland: "Argentina, Brazil or West Germany. Take your pick. It will be that close."

GEORGE ERICSSON, coach of Sweden: "West Germany will be hard-pressed to repeat its 1974 victory in the face of very tough, almost unbeatable opposition from Brazil and especially host nation Argentina."

KAZIMIERZ GORSKI, former coach of Poland: "Tradition should be respected and victory in 1978 should go to a South American country — as in 1930, 1950, 1962 and 1970 when the World Cup was staged in Latin America."



• The locations of the five World Cup venues.

Only two Latins in world class

Only two South Americans were good enough to gain selection in the 'World' team picked after the 1974 World Cup finals.

They were Francisco Marinho and Luis Pereira, both of Brazil.

With the 1978 World Cup finals only a few days away, "Soccer Action" has decided to look back at the stars of the '74 competition.

A 'World' team was chosen, using the opinions of 67 who were asked to list the best six players in order.

The experts included the 16 World Cup coaches plus Pele, Bobby Charlton, Ramon Kopa, Sir Stanley Rous (life president of F.I.F.A.) and Joao Havelange, the F.I.F.A. president.

Players were awarded six points if they were first choice, down to one point if they were sixth choice.

The first three placings went to Johann Cruyff (372 points), Franz Beckenbauer (278) and Kazimierz Deyna (175).

The poll was conducted by West Germany's largest sports magazine, "Kicker".

The fact that two only South

Americans made the team is an indication of the falling stature of South American soccer on the world scene.

When you consider that those two players were both defenders, the South American situation looks even more dim. Gone are the days when Brazilian forwards were unstoppable, and could make mincemeat of the best defences in the world.

Let's get down to the team. In goal is the Swedish ace, Ronnie Hellstrom.

This choice was clean cut, although many people would have thought Jan Tomaszewski of Poland would have had a show.

Hellstrom is a brilliant keeper. He is technically very good, as opposed to Tomaszewski, who often uses an outstretched leg or his body to stop the ball from entering the net. Tomaszewski's unorthodox style, even though effective, earned him the title "the clown" from Brian Clough (now manager of Nottingham Forest) after he'd helped Poland hold England to a 1-1 draw at Wembley in 1973. The draw ensured that Poland qualified for the '74 finals.

At right back is Bert Vogel of West Germany. He was given the job of shadowing Cruyff in the World Cup Final against Holland, and the success of that move was a big factor in the downfall of the Dutch.

At left back is the solid, dependable Pereira. The Brazilian can also be very creative, and has typical South American ball skills.

At left back is another Francisco Marinho of Brazil. His blond hair makes him stand out from other players, as does his many attacking runs from the back line.

The midfield trio is Johann Neeskens, Cruyff and Deyna. Cruyff, like Beckenbauer could control a game. He could slow the game down with ease, then burst through a defence in a split second, using incredible pace.

He had an endless array of tricks, a very powerful shot and near-perfect distribution. He was a superstar.

Fellow Dutchman Neeskens, although not in the same class as Cruyff, has special qualities of his own. Apart from being a strong tackler, he has a powerful shot and likes to attack.

Deyna of Poland completes the trio. He's supremely fit and was the general of his nation's side, which emerged as a new power in international soccer during the '74 finals.

Grzegorz Lato was the outstanding winger of the finals. His raids down the flanks brought Poland many goals. He's fast and skilful, and can cut in a shoot as well as take the ball down the line and send over pin-point crosses.

In the middle of the forward line is Mueller. He doesn't do much apart from score goals but excels in this trade. He can score from half chances, and has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. He is a brilliant, skilful player.

The other forward is Robert Gadoccha. The Polish winger was rated below Lato, but can be just as lethal.

All in this 'World' team would be worth at least 15,000,000 on the transfer market. Anyone want to buy a good team?

Hungary struggles, Dutch flying high

Holland maintained its sparkling pre-World Cup form by beating European Cup finalist FC Bruges, while Poland crashed to a shock 0-1 defeat to French club FC Sochaux.

Hungary meanwhile had the humiliation of drawing 2-2 with Tunisia, as well as losing 1-4 to England.

Brazil had an excellent 2-0 victory over Czechoslovakia at home, and Iran, apart from beating Ghana 3-0, had a good 1-1 draw with FC

Bruges before losing 0-3 to Paris St Germaine.

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HOLLAND 2 (Nanninga 2, PARIS ST GERMAINE 0).

HUNGARY 2 (Varadi 2) TUNISIA 2 (Lahzami 2).

FRANCE 2 (Platini, Dalgier) TUNISIA 0.

BRAZIL 2 (Reinaldo, Zico) CZECHOSLOVAKIA 0 in Rio.

ARGENTINA 3 (Kempes, Houseman, Luque) COR-

DOBA X1 1.

NEUDA (Austrian minor league team) 0 AUSTRIA 17 (Krankl 6, Pirker 5, Kreuz 2, Hattenberger, Oberacher, Baumeister, Haplich).

POLAND 0 FC SOCHAUX 1 in Flock, Poland.

Poland team: Tomaszewski, Symanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Rudl, Nawalka, Deyna, Boniek, Lato, Masur, Szarmach.

ENGLAND 4 (Barnes, Neal penalty, Francis, Currie) HUNGARY 1 (L. Nagy) in London.

UNION DEPORTIVO ITALIANO (Argentinian 2nd Div.) 0 ITALY 1 (Bettiga) at Man Del Plasta.

9-4 Brazil

LONDON, — English fans are determined to take an interest in the World Cup even though England will not be competing.

One London firm of bookmakers has estimated that about five million sterling (eight million dollars) will be wagered on the tournament in British betting shops.

Much of the money has gone on Brazil, rated here as warm favorite to win for the fourth time, and Scotland.

A bookmakers' spokesman said "The Scots are big gamblers and we stand to lose a lot of money if they win. As far as the English are concerned, I suppose people just want someone to cheer. It's going to be on television all the time anyway."

The latest odds on the World Cup are: Brazil 9-4, Argentina 4-1, West Germany 7-1, Holland 8-1, Scotland 9-1, Poland and Italy 14-1, Hungary 16-1, France 25-1, Spain 28-1, Peru and Sweden 40-1, Austria 50-1, Mexico 100-1, Iran 500-1, Tunisia 1000-1.

Beckenbauer is never ruffled on the field. He directs play, and is capable of putting the ball onto a team mate's foot from up to 40 metres away.

He will often join in an attack, and formed a deadly partnership with Gerd 'Der Bomber' Muller, with whom he played at Bayern Munich and in the West German national team. Beckenbauer would run downfield with the ball and play a succession of 1-2s with Mueller on the edge of the penalty area. These moves would often end with the ball in the back of the net.

At centre back is the solid, dependable Pereira.

The Brazilian can also be very creative, and has typical South American ball skills.

At left back is another Francisco Marinho of Brazil. His blond hair makes him stand out from other players, as does his many attacking runs from the back line.

The midfield trio is Johann Neeskens, Cruyff and Deyna.

Cruyff, like Beckenbauer could control a game. He could slow the game down with ease, then burst through a defence in a split second, using incredible pace.

He had an endless array of tricks, a very powerful shot and near-perfect distribution. He was a superstar.

Fellow Dutchman Neeskens, although not in the same class as Cruyff, has special qualities of his own. Apart from being a strong tackler, he has a powerful shot and likes to attack.

Deyna of Poland completes the trio. He's supremely fit and was the general of his nation's side, which emerged as a new power in international soccer during the '74 finals.

Grzegorz Lato was the outstanding winger of the finals. His raids down the flanks brought Poland many goals. He's fast and skilful, and can cut in a shoot as well as take the ball down the line and send over pin-point crosses.

In the middle of the forward line is Mueller. He doesn't do much apart from score goals but excels in this trade. He can score from half chances, and has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. He is a brilliant, skilful player.

The other forward is Robert Gadoccha. The Polish winger was rated below Lato, but can be just as lethal.

All in this 'World' team would be worth at least 15,000,000 on the transfer market. Anyone want to buy a good team?

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at Frankfurt's Waldstadion. Poland handles the wet pitch much better and has so many scoring chances that Sappi Walter is hailed as the greatest goalkeeper in the tournament. Robert Gadoccha, one of the finest forwards in the series, plays havoc with the German defence and is the absolute master of Bert Vogel whose big reputation takes a battering.

West Germany wins the World Cup final 2-1 against Holland and Franz Beckenbauer wins the battle of the superstars. Johan Cruyff has the ball 45 times, Beckenbauer 56 times. Here's my breakdown on what they did with it:

Accurate passes: Cruyff 21, Beckenbauer 47, misdirected passes: Cruyff 8, Beckenbauer 5.

"dream" passes: Cruyff 11, Beckenbauer 6; successful duels against one opponent: Cruyff 5, Beckenbauer 17; unsuccessful

duels: Cruyff 10, Beckenbauer 3; headers: Cruyff 4, Beckenbauer 11; shots at goal: Cruyff 0, Beckenbauer 2; fouls: Cruyff 4, Beckenbauer 4.

Peter Ollerton has been dropped from the Hellas team to meet J.U.S.T. in their Philips Cup match at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) and may not play for Hellas again.

Ollerton had angry words with coach Dave McLaren after being dropped and in the circumstances McLaren is likely to find it difficult to invite Ollerton back into the team.

In the other late news the board of Hakoah Easts has recommended that the club's name be changed to Sydney City. The recommendation will be put to members at a meeting on June 19th.

Meanwhile Adelaide Juventus imports Graham Fyfe and Pat Mccluskey have flown back home to Scotland only 3 weeks after joining the Adelaide club.

Refs in finals

The five World Cup venues in Argentina

In the 10 World Cups held until now, on whatever continent they have been played, only European referees have officiated at the finals:

1930: Uruguay — John Langenus (Belgium) — Uruguay v. Argentina 4-2.

1934: Italy — Ivano Eklind (Sweden) — Italy v. Czechoslovakia 2-1.

1938: France — Cedeville (France) — Italy v. Hungary 4-2.

1950: Brazil — George Reader (England) — Uruguay v. Brazil 2-1.

1954: England — W. Ling (England) — Germany FR v. Hungary 3-2.

1958: Sweden — Maurice Guigue (France) — Brazil v. Sweden 5-2.

1962: Chile — Nikolai Latyshev (USSR) — Brazil v. Czechoslovakia 3-1.

1966: England — Gottfried Dienst (Switzerland) — England v. Germany FR 4-2.

1970: Mexico — Rudi Glockner (German DR) — Brazil v. Italy 4-1.

1974: Germany FR — John Taylor (England) — Germany FR v. Netherlands 2-1.

Ringwood's new man

Ringwood City (Vic.) will have a new striker soon.

He is Gary Hynes, a left winger who was with Arsenal and Spurs as a youth.

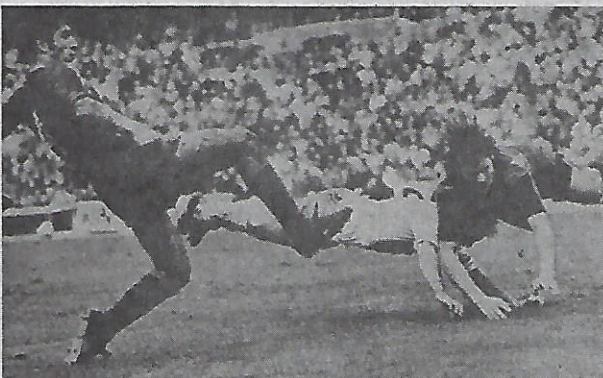
When he arrives, Ringwood coach Freddy Buncie would like to switch John O'Callaghan, who was lumbered with the responsibility of scoring goals, from centre forward to midfield.

I rate John as one of the best midfielders in the State League," said Buncie.

Trevor Morgan, who was top scorer in the Southern League in England this season, was supposed to come to Ringwood, but has now gone to America.



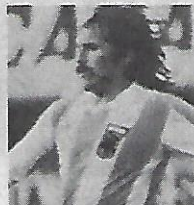
KAZIMIERZ DEYNA — 30, Legia Warsaw. Skipper of Poland, this gifted midfielder inspired Poland to victory over Brazil in the 1974 World Cup play-off match for third place. Possesses a blistering right-foot shot and scored both goals when Poland won the Olympic title in 1972. Like many of Poland's top players, he was anxious to play professionally in Spain or West Germany. A player of superb balance and vision, he has been capped 93 times and says 1978 is his last year in international soccer.



Spanish stars Sanchez (left) of Barcelona comes into the action as Pirri (white) of Real Madrid and Miguel of Barcelona clash.

PIRRI (Spain): Full name Jose Martinez Sanchez. Real Madrid's sweeper and captain is their last link with the great days, for when he joined from Granada in 1965 Puskas, Santamaría and Gento were still at Chamartin. An enterprising, intelligent man, Pirri is a talented artist who has held several exhibitions, runs a TV showroom and is studying medicine for when his soccer career ends. His wife Sonia is a Spanish television personality. Born in Ceuta, North Africa, Pirri joined Madrid as an inside left, but was an attacking right half in the team who won the 1966 Champions' Cup. A month later he made his debut for Spain in the World finals in England, scoring with a typically determined header against Argentina. Since then he has been Spain's most consistent player, despite a string of injuries and an offer from New York Cosmos. Pirri has now moved back to sweeper.

MIGUEL (Spain): Just 26 now, Miguel Bernardo Blanquet — to give his full name — hails from the North African Spanish enclave of Ceuta — like Real Madrid skipper Pirri, his central defensive partner with Spain. Nicknamed Tarzan because of his tremendous physique, Miguel first caught the attention of several big clubs while playing for second division Cadiz. Real Madrid turned him down after a trial, but Barcelona weren't so hasty, and after barely a dozen senior games and despite the complications created by his national service, he was called into Spain's senior squad. Considered one of Europe's most dependable stoppers.



LEOPOLDO LUQUE: — 28, (Argentina): Of River Plate. Gangling but muscular striker with long black hair. One sight of Luque striding into the penalty area would convince most fans he was a world beater, but he has failed to hit form consistently. Powerful shot and strong in the air.



HUNGARY, back row from left: Gujdar, Kereki, Martos, Torok, Kocsis, Toth, Meszaros. Middle row: Torocsik, Fazekas, Balint, Pinter, Zombori. Front row: Pusztai, Nyilasi, Varadi, Nagy.

BELA VARADI: This is the left-winger from Vasas who last season claimed the Silver Boot awarded by Adidas for finishing as runner-up in the European league scoring lists. Varadi was second only to Rumania's Dudu Georgescu after hitting 36 goals in 34 games. But he did have one advantage — thanks to his precise mastery of dead ball kicks. For of his 36 goals, some 14 came from penalties or free kicks. Yet strangely 24-year-old Varadi failed to score in any of the World Cup group matches against Greece and Russia, and hit only one in the six-goal trouncing of Bolivia. Varadi was discovered by Vasas by Hungary's manager Lajos Barot.

ANDRAS TOROCSIK — 23, Ujpest Doza. Explosive, cheeky and brave — Torocsik is the danger man in Hungary's attack. Received a lengthy suspension after being caught trying to smuggle stereo equipment back into Hungary following a tour of South America. Has been at his best this season, following his brush with the authorities. His exciting individual skill should thrill the South American crowds.

TIBOR NYILASI — 23, Ferencvaros. Tall and fluent midfielder attacker with high stepping action. Nyilasi has an eye for the quick opening and is capable of spraying long, swerving passes with great accuracy. Joined Ferencvaros as a schoolboy in 1965.

SANDOR PINTER — 27, Honved. In 1975 the Hungarians decided they wanted more fitness and stamina among their players. A five kilometre race was organised which Pinter won — and was promptly awarded an international place for his efforts. Temperamental player, but has been promised promotion in the Army if he behaves himself. Non-stop striker with good goal scoring record.



ROB RENSENBRINK (Holland): Now 29, it will be on the Anderlecht left winger that the Dutch rely for inspiration with Johan Cruyff gone. Over the past four years, Rensenbrink has been one of the most consistently outstanding forwards in Europe after making his name the hard way. Starting out with DWS Amsterdam Rensenbrink went to Belgium in 1968 to join Brugge, leaving in exchange for Wilfried Pule of Anderlecht three years later.

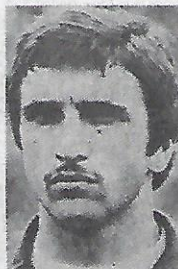
In his first season with Anderlecht they won the league and cup double, and he appeared in all but one of Holland's games in the 1974 finals. Sadly a pulled muscle reduced his effectiveness against West Germany and he limped out of the game at half-time. His two goals took Anderlecht to the Cup-winners' Cup in 1976 — the same year he scored a European championship hat-trick ... against Belgium.



ZICO (Brazil): Full name Artur Antunes Coimbra, the 25-year-old Flamengo forward is being nicknamed the 'white Pele' but we've heard all that before. Having been top scorer in Brazil for the past couple of years he hit five goals in a recent match against a state selection, having grabbed four in the World Cup annihilation of Bolivia. The World Cup provides a perfect stage for him to demonstrate his potential, first spotted by a Flamengo scout who saw him score nine goals in a six-a-side game against Santos. From a poor family, Zico had to be put on a body-building course before he could be put through normal training sessions. He scored with two free kicks on his debut for Brazil against Argentina in the Atlantic Cup in the spring of 1976, but disappointed against England and Italy in the U.S. Bicentennial tournament a few months later.



KENNY DALGLISH (Scotland): 26: Dalglish cost Liverpool \$700,000 when they signed him from Celtic during the summer to replace Kevin Keegan. It shattered the old British transfer record, but modest testotester Dalglish has been unmoved by all the fuss. Still, with Celtic he had gained a lot of experience. He won every honor the Scottish game could offer, and as Celtic's captain and top scorer when they won the 1977 league title, Dalglish was creator as much as scorer with Celtic, and played for Scotland — he has won 50 caps — in the 1974 World Cup finals. He appeared a little overawed by the occasion and failed to produce his best form. A dedicated professional, Dalglish was described as a "manager's dream" by Jack Stein, the man who signed him for Celtic in 1967.



HANS KRANKL (Austria): Again the top marksman in Austria — as he was with 32 goals last season. Apart from his successes in the league, Krankl hit six goals in the 9-0 World Cup win over Malta. But it wasn't all glory for the man whose 36 goals in 1974 made him runner-up for the Golden Boot award. In the vital qualifier against East Germany in Vienna, Krankl put the ball in the net with eight minutes to go. Welsh referee Tom Reynolds disallowed it because one of Krankl's team-mates had been standing offside, and in the melee that followed, Krankl's protests earned him the red card. Still only 24, Krankl has long been coveted by Dutch and German sides, and it's hard to imagine that he'll stay long with Rapid when the World Cup is over.



SEPP MAIER — 34, Bayern Munich: Europe has many fine goalkeepers but few better than the dedicated Maier. His slightly stooping stance, baggy shorts and huge gloves make him immediately recognisable. Has played over 80 times for West Germany and always rises to the big occasion, pulling off saves that astound even his colleagues. An invaluable member of the World Championship's eleven.

Political opponents use Cup as their stage

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina, a country troubled by political terrorism and economic distress, is throwing itself open to world attention with the start this week of the 11th World Cup.

For most of Argentina's 25 million people, for whom soccer is a national passion, this is strictly a sporting event. They hope to see their team win, for the first time, symbolic of world soccer supremacy.

But rarely has a sporting event assumed more controversial political dimension. For Argentina's military

From JUAN DE ONIS of the New York Times

regime, the tournament is regarded as an opportunity to project a positive image of this country. For opponents of the regime, it is a chance to attract world attention to human rights violations, missing people and political prisoners.

As a result, strong security measures have been adopted to protect stadiums, visiting teams from 15 countries and communications systems from possible sabotage. The government ruled out visible military escorts for visiting teams, but security services are accompanying some squads, with the memory of the Palestinian terrorist attack on the Israeli team at the 1972

Olympic Games in Munich as a reminder.

The left-wing Argentine guerrillas, most of whose leaders are in exile and in jail, have made contradictory statements abroad on their intentions. In some cases they have said the soccer championship would not be disrupted, out of respect for popular sentiments, but at other times they have said that terrorist action would be staged to show the world the reality of repression in Argentina.

Security officials do not rule out the possibility of isolated bombings or similar actions designed to catch world headlines, and they have told some western embassies of indications that as many as eight terrorist squads trained abroad were trying to enter Argentina to create incidents.

But the military image-makers here, who have spent millions of dollars with public relations efforts in Europe and the United States, seem equally concerned with foreign press coverage.

Jean-Pierre Clerc, a correspondent for "Le Monde" of Paris, was detained at the international airport reconstructed for the World Cup, as he left here two weeks ago, and security officials photographed his notes and documents before allowing him to leave.

Just over a week ago, security personnel arrested Antonio Boffa, one of the two presidents of the Argentine League for Human Rights, an organization backed by the Communist Party that has been active in providing information on people arrested for political reasons, or who are missing.

These actions by authorities indicate a desire to repress any overt demonstrations of discontent by relatives of more than 2000 people reported missing after being arrested, and many thousands more who are in prisons.

But except for the airport, stadiums and training centres for the teams, which are under strong military guard, the police are no more in evidence here than in any major city, and public excitement is building for the opening game.

Tickets are entirely sold out for the opening game, all

Argentine matches, the semi-finals and the final game on June 25.

Most tickets have been sold in combinations, involving games in one of the four quarter final groups, or for the opening and the semi-final and final.

Such a combination of three games, with a reserved seat, costs the equivalent of 240 U.S. dollars (214 Aust.). Individual tickets for final stages of the championship will create a market place for scalpers.

The championship will be at six stadiums with a total capacity of 300,000 seats for games in five cities.

Two stadiums, River Plate and Velez Sarsfield, are the major sports stadiums in this capital. The main stadium in Rosario, Argentina's second city, about 250 miles (400 kms) north west of here, is another venue. New stadiums have been built at Mar Del Plata, a resort city on the Atlantic; at Cordoba, in Argentina's fertile heartland, and at Mendoza, in the Andean foothills.

All the games will be televised locally, with closed-circuit color being shown at theatres and covered arenas on large screen for paying audiences. Local television will be black and white. But the games will be sent abroad by satellite in color.

There has been controversy here over the expense of staging the championship. Argentina has one of the world's most severe inflation.

Prices have risen 45 percent this year, and despite government efforts to hold down public spending, the cost of living has reduced the real income of working people to a monthly level of less than 200 U.S. dollars (178 Aust.).

Treasury secretary, Juan Aleman stirred up a storm, however, when he said the 800 million U.S. dollars (712 million Aust) spent in all aspects of preparing for the championship, including new telecommunications systems, stadiums, and urban works, was unjustified at this stage of Argentina's economic life.

An Argentine victory, or even a berth in the final, would be a shot in the arm to the regime. General Jorge Rafael Videla, president of the ruling junta, gave the Argentine national team a pep talk "We are all with you," he said, and added: "Argentina wants winners."

Trophies for top players

Two of the world's greatest soccer players stand a chance of striking gold more than once in the 1978 World Cup.

This time, in addition to the award of 25 gold medals to the winning team, the campaign's top marksman will earn himself a golden boot and the outstanding player of any position will be presented with a golden ball.

Both the "Adidas World Cup Shoe" and the "Adidas World Cup Ball" as they are known, have been dipped in gold. The competitions are being run jointly by FIFA and Adidas.

In the event of a goal-scoring tie, three clauses will be considered to produce an outright winner. They are:

1. the highest scoring average;
2. the highest percentage of goals scored by each player in relation to his country's scoring total;
3. the final position of each player's team.

The other competition will be judged by a combined FIFA and press jury awarding points to the first three ranked players on ballot papers.

The two runners-up in each competition will receive silver and bronze equivalents.

Tarantini out?

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina may be without key defender Alberto Tarantini for their opening matches in the World Cup. Tarantini is recovering from injury.

Mexican's record

Players who have appeared in the most World Cups:

5 Antonio Carbajal (Mexico) 1950, 54, 58, 62, 66.

4 Djalmar Santos (Brazil) 1954, 58, 62, 66.

Pele (Brazil) 1958, 62, 66, 70.

Karl-Heinz Schnellinger (Germany) 1958, 62, 66, 70.

The stars to watch

Who will be the big names during the World Cup Finals in Argentina?

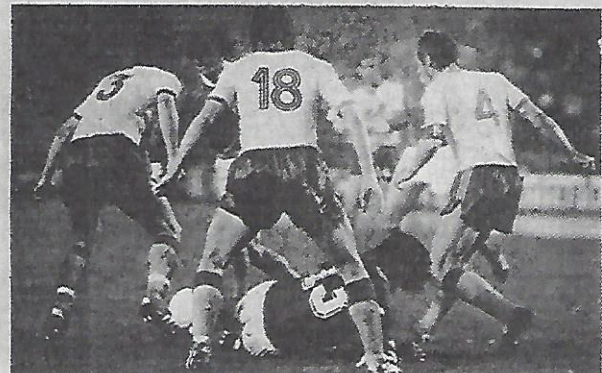
This week we profile more of the stars expected to play a key role in Argentina.



Berti Vogts (left) shakes hands with Rivelino before the Germany v Brazil game (1-1) in Rio last year.

BERTI VOGTS — 31, Borussia Mönchengladbach: Skipper of West Germany and usually assigned a close-marking task. Blotted out the menace of Holland's Johan Cruyff in the 1974 Final. Vogts epitomises the fighting spirit and determination of the West German team. Made his international debut 11 years ago, and will see that West Germany does not relinquish the World Cup easily.

ROBERTO RIVELINO (Brazil): For a two-year contract with Fluminense Rivelino is receiving a signing-fee of \$80,000 plus a monthly basic of \$6000 in the first year and \$8000 in the second year. That's without the bonuses, of course, or any income from advertising and investments! Rivelino, who first shot to prominence in the 1970 World Cup-winning team, when he played as a deep-lying outside left, is the man for whom the Brazilians claim a world record 109 international appearances. He is also the man who claims the world's fastest goal — scored in three seconds in a league match with a shot from the halfway line while the opposing goalkeeper was saying his usual pre-match prayer! He joined Fluminense for \$1 million from Corinthians of Sao Paulo after the disappointing 1974 tournament in West Germany. Rivelino is 32.



Carlsson (No. 3), Augustsson (18) and Nordqvist (4) surround Hoelzenbein and the fallen Gerd Mueller in the 1974 second round World Cup game which West Germany won 4-2, after Sweden had led 2-1 and then equalised at 2-2.

BJORN NORDQVIST (Sweden): In the finals, Sweden's 35-year-old centre back will top Bobby Moore's official record of 108 international appearances, having reached three figures against Denmark last autumn. Yet it took Nordqvist three years to assert his right to a place in Sweden's team after he made his international debut in August 1963, in a game against Finland. Nordqvist captained Sweden in the 1970 Finals, and then accepted an offer to turn full-time professional in Holland with PSV Eindhoven. He played again in the 1974 Finals, then surprisingly returned home in the summer of 1975, when PSV, champions for the first time in 12 years, stood on the threshold of European glory. Nordqvist's decision to sign for IFK Göteborg is more understandable however, if you know that the club also found him a job with Volvo which would assure his future. Nordqvist began his career with Norrköping.

WLODZIMIERZ LUBANSKI — 31, Lokeren. Superbly talented player recalled by Polish manager Jacek Gmoch after a long absence. Was badly injured in 1973 in a qualifying match against England and missed the 1974 Finals. Fought his way back after two serious operations, and was allowed to join Belgian club Lokeren. Has had an excellent season and Gmoch, anxious to employ all his most talented players, called him up. At his best Lubanski is one of the world's top players.



KLAUS FISCHER — 28, Schalke. Since the retirement of Gerd Mueller Fischer has been trying to establish himself as West Germany's leading striker. Lacks Mueller's killer instinct, but is a talented player. Made his international debut last year after five years in the wilderness because of the Bundesliga bribes scandal involving his club Schalke. Was among several players implicated in throwing a match in 1971. Hopes success in Argentina will make up for his late start at international level. Acrobatic overhead kick is his speciality.



MANFRED KALTZ (West Germany): West German manager Helmut Schoen was the man responsible for raising the 25-year-old Hamburg defender to the status of probable successor to Franz Beckenbauer as the world champions' sweeper. For Kaltz was generally thought of as a right back, and even he was surprised when Schoen picked him for the Beckenbauer role after Kaiser Franz abdicated and took off for the United States. Kaltz took to his new job like a duck to water at first, but his form suffered with Hamburg's reversals earlier this season, and Schoen was forced to experiment with several other men in the free-back role. Hamburg had continued to play Kaltz at right back in taking the Cup-winners' Cup from Anderlecht last year. Kaltz, who joined Hamburg at 19 from VfL Neuhofer, has won 14 senior caps, seven amateur, three B and also played for the youth and under-23 sides.



FRANCO CAUSIO — 29, (Italy) of Juventus. Team-mate of Zoff, Benetti and Bettga. A chunky little right winger who failed to set the world alight at the outset of his career. Was turned down by Torino and, after joining Juventus, was loaned out twice before returning to establish a regular first team place. Neat, muscular, and dark, Causio has formed a deadly combination with Bettga.



MICHEL PLATINI (France), 22, Nancy. A world-class midfielder player with vision and skill. There is no extravagance or embellishment in Platini's play, but he has a thunderous right-foot shot. He is particularly dangerous when smashing in free-kicks from just outside the penalty area and has scored many vital goals for France. Manager Hidalgo, without a world class striker, relies heavily on Platini. He will be a marked man in Argentina.



JAN TOMASZEWSKI (Poland), Lodz — once described as "a clown", by top English manager Brian Clough, and replaced after only 19 minutes of the 1976 Olympic soccer final against East Germany. Nevertheless a courageous and often lucky goalkeeper. Saved two penalties during the last World Cup finals and was recently named the best goalkeeper in the world by Brazil's retired hero Pele.



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Pillan's height leads to Juve's unfair

By FRANK PANGALLO

Too many cooks do indeed spoil the broth.

That old adage got even closer to the truth after Adelaide Juventus' inept performance against arch rival West Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Sports Field last Sunday.

While there's no denying Juventus' new imports — Jim Muller, Graham Fyfe and Pat McCloskey — are skilful players in their own right, it is evident their arrival has caused chaos.

To accommodate them, Juventus has had to reshuffle its side and drop players of the calibre of Henry Koloicki, Dave Rigby, Zoran Matic and Brian Northcote who had done nothing to warrant exclusion.

Juventus' inability to field a composed and settled combination cost them dearly.

Not only did they drop two vital home points and the first leg of a \$5,000 Wills Cup match, but lost any chance of figuring at the top of the Phillips League table.

Gone to was the prestige that these local derby matches command.

But what of West Adelaide Hellas, who have staged a remarkable recovery after looking a mediocre side earlier in the season?

Coach Jim Adam could not question his team's spirit, determination and supreme confidence in a pressure-laden first half.

Although both sides were obviously suffering the after-effects of Phillips Cup matches three days before, it was Hellas who appeared

to have made a much more rapid recovery.

Their style is as if it were torn straight out of a manual for players. They chase and fight for every ball and their marking at the back is tight and frustrating for any attacker.

Juventus' elegant ball-playing game was never allowed to surface and effective checking by Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey ensured that Juventus' midfielders John Perin and Pat McCloskey were never able to dictate the terms.

While it was a stalemate in midfield, with neither side able to gain the ascendancy, it was in attack where Hellas caused most damage.

It came in the form of 6 foot 5 inch Dave Pillan, who lowered over Juventus stopper Frank Lister and repeatedly wrought panic and havoc when he went for the ball.

The tactics of pumping long balls into the box for Pillan were obvious but there was little Lister could do about it.

Pillan's job was primarily to set up chances for his strikers and he did just that for Graham Norris early in the second half.

He almost had one himself in the 25th minute but Juventus full-back Fred Yung hastily booted Pillan's header off the line.

With little drive from midfield, Hellas were able to muster sorties through fullbacks Barry Reynolds and Peter Tymoczynski.

Reynolds, on an over-lap, put Hellas in front after only seven minutes when he sent a scorching drive from 20 metres past Juventus' keeper Peter Marshall.



Adel. Juve 1 WA-Hellas 2

Juventus struggled to piece together moves and their once pinpoint passing was sadly astray as players failed to read each other's mind.

Up front John Kozmina did little to deserve the huge pay packet he pockets at the end of each game.

He could never brush off the shadow of David Jones and was eventually replaced by a much more forceful Brian Northcote ... but it was all too late.

Juventus' most impressive player was, ironically, import Graham Fyfe. A player with tremendously delicate ball skills, Fyfe played the lone role on most occasions and tried desperately hard to crack the impenetrable wall set up by Jones and cool Ken Kampas.

It was Fyfe who created two chances which fell to Juventus late in the first half when they appeared to rally to the charms of their fans.

In the 35th minute, Fyfe pushed the ball to Gary Marconchi but his drive was saved superbly by Hellas' keeper Martin Crook.

Crook was the hero again two minutes later when he blocked a riveting drive from Fyfe around the upright, an effort which had goal written all over it as the Juventus striker moved in for the kill.

Seven minutes into the second half, Pillan rose high in the box to nod the ball down to unmarked Graham Norris to sweep it into the net.

Juventus pulled one back eight minutes later when Marconchi found the net with a lightning ground shot from 25 metres.

Yet Juventus never looked likely to snatch the much-needed equaliser despite substitutions by new coach Les Scheinling.

Northcote came on for Kozmina while Lister was replaced by "Jimbo" Muir.

One would have thought it was wiser to bolster the midfield.

Hellas found no trouble in repelling Juventus' blunt attacks and although there were one or two close calls, Hellas held on to clinch a most thrilling and entertaining game that delighted the 13,000 people who watched it.



FLIES



Marconi beaten at half-way mark

By ALEX VESIC

Five minutes after the start of the game, Newcastle was one goal up. It took them just as long in the second half to go into the lead for the second time. However, their valiant effort was in vain, for these Marconi men were in fine form and crushed the visitors in the last 28 minutes at Bosley Park, to remain unbeaten at the half-way mark of the season.

Almost from the kick-off, Marconi pushed forward looking for goals, but much to the surprise of almost 10,000 spectators, Newcastle took the lead in a breakaway attack.

Ken Boden picked up a pass about 37 metres from Marconi's line, eluded two Praksalo, then sent Galpin into an opening on the edge of Marconi's penalty area. Galpin latched onto the ball and although pursued by Russell, managed to hit a tremendous left-foot drive into the roof of the net past advancing Maher.

In the 13th minute Roberto Vieri was booked.

I felt it was a harsh decision by the referee, for Vieri was on the receiving end of some rough tactics almost from the start of the game and it was no surprise that the ex-Bologna star retaliated after some "nudging" by Mason.

Marconi continued to attack but found Newcastle's defensive wall too strong to penetrate until the 19th minute. Then the same defence gave away a goal that should have been Ray Richards sent a long pass to Peter Sharne but faced with two Newcastle defenders, Sharne had a slender chance of success. The ball bounced off the leg of one of the defenders and straight to the feet of Berrie Mariani on the edge of Newcastle's penalty area.

Mariani took a couple of steps before blasting the ball past Dando.

For the rest of the first half, Dando had his hands full. Richards found Mariani lurking on the right flank in the 30th minute. He raced down the touch line and squared the ball to Richie Williams, close to Newcastle's line. Williams headed towards the top left hand corner, but Dando pulled off a miraculous save.

After a short one-two with Praksalo, Vieri sent Craig Johnson the wrong way, then pushed the ball to Rooney, who gave a quick pass to Brogan on the right flank and he centred towards Mariani. A goal seemed inevitable but for those fingers of Dando who stretched far enough to save.

At half time, the teams were locked at 1-1, but few doubted that Marconi would edge out the Newcastle team in the end.

Yet Newcastle jumped into the lead almost from the start of the second half.

The half was only four minutes old when Newcastle's midfield found the defence and the left flank. Maher misallocated and completely missed the low cross, leaving Mike Galpin an empty net. Galpin coolly slotted the ball home.

Better Joe Vlasits

By JOHN TAYLOR

St George produced some of their best football of the season against Western Suburbs but they could not present new coach Joe Vlasits with the ideal start — a win.

St George dominated this match at Wentworth Park yet ended up undeserving 1-2 losers.

Who would have thought that the once mighty Saints would have



Wests 2 St. Geo 1

been the "cinder dwellers" at the halfway stage of the PSL?

St George are perhaps lucky that relegation doesn't come into force until next season.

But if they can continue to produce the same brand of football as they displayed against Wests last Sunday, then they'll be a force again.

Striker John Vernon was Wests' hero.

Vernon hasn't exactly set the world on fire since joining Wests from the UK this year but he was rewarded for his determination with two goals.

For most of the game Wests were a three-man band with Warren Turnbull, holding the defence together, Peter Stone engineering the midfield play and Vernon offering most of the front.

The way St George started off it looked as if Vlasits, a former national coach, was going to perform an instant miracle.

Vlasits took charge of Saints from Ilya Tekak last week.

Western Suburbs fielded a very young defence with Skellern, Rowden, Turnbull and newcomer Greg Ankudiff put under a lot of early pressure.

Saints' tricky winger Phil O'Connor was causing all sorts of problems for young Ankudiff.

O'Connor's speed and footwork worried Ankudiff and Wests' manager Mike Lang switched Skellern to try to contain the former Luton Town forward.

St George were far more positive in attack and with Rudj Stone giving the excellent distribution, St George were able to create chances.

West's defence braved the first half and the youngsters certainly played with more confidence in the second half.

Just two minutes after half time Stone made a magnificent 70 metre solo run, evading several St George players. He took the ball to just inside the 6-yard line but his final shot — a lob — went inches wide of the far post.

It was certainly worthy of a goal. But Wests had to wait only another 15 minutes before they drew first blood. Vernon's first goal came from a free kick.

St George centre back Neville Morgan checked the ball down but straight to the feet of Vernon who did the rest.

In the 55th minute Saints were on level terms — and Morgan was no longer the villain.

Instead he was the hero when he headed in from a Grant free kick. St George kept creating chances but the ball wouldn't go in.

Wests can thank goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz for preventing further St George goals.

From one of Wests' rare attacks came the killer goal in the 77th minute.

It was former soccerero Dave Harding who gave Vernon the final pass and the young Englishman took the chance well to make it 2-1.

Wests' manager Vlasits said that St George looked a beaten team. They had lost their sting to rebalance.

WBA 3-0

HONG KONG — English First Division club West Bromwich Albion outclassed Hong Kong 3-0 in a soccer friendly here.

Newcastle beaten by 9 men

By JOE LANZONI

Brisbane City left the International Sports Centre with both points in the match with Newcastle KB United played last Wednesday, but lost Kevin Caldwell and Savrolozelle in the process.

The match, spoiled by some ordinary refereeing, failed to reach the high standard of some of the previous encounters seen at the centre in recent weeks.

During the course of the game Sydney referee Brian Fowler issued nine yellow cards and two red cards.

In a remarkable match, quite clean and completely free of the spite that the issue of so many cards would suggest, Brisbane City twice took the lead in the second half.

The first time was in the 50th minute when John Coyne made



Newcastle 2 Bris. C. 3

a great shot past Dando. Newcastle had equalised in the 75th minute from a free kick taken by Curran. Kim Wihart could only touch the ball but could not prevent it finding the back of the net.

At that stage all that was needed was a little composure and some crisp passing by Newcastle United to keep the ball flowing and create gaps.

Unfortunately Newcastle United played the whole second half without discipline and above all they became impatient and completely lost their cool.

From a well taken free kick by Craig Mason, Ken Boden ghosted behind the defence and the ball past Wihart for a well taken goal.

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Balls were pumped down the middle or attempts were made to beat the defence with individual efforts, when all that was required was some team work.

In this period the Brisbane City defence played extremely well with the blonde head of Peter Tokasi winning every ball in the air and sweeper Steve Perry doing the mopping up at the back.

Newcastle United, however, started the game well enough and in the eighth minute drew first blood.

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Rivals are even now

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane Lions evened the score against their rivals Brisbane City with a tremendous 1-0 victory in the local derby at Perry Park.

The teams have now met four times since the League began and have won two games each.

Lions probably deserved the two points with a slightly superior all-round display, but City were kept out by the woodwork.

The highlight was an unforgettable final six minutes during which the roar from the 5,000-strong crowd was almost deafening.

It was also during this period that the only nasty incident, of the type which has marred previous games between the two, surfaced and Newcastle referee Jim Reeves was quite lenient dealing with the situation.

Lions' Eddie Sperritt cut City's Larry Gaffney down in a crude tackle and Gaffney retaliated, but both were given each the only yellow cards of the game.

From the resultant free kick, an almighty goalmouth scramble ensued, at the end of which replacement Willie Connor crashed a tremendous drive against the post.

At the other end, a Leon Wilson cross was nodded wide by Berrie Fairbrother and a Paul Ontong dipping shot also just missed.

City, though, everything into one final effort when Connor robbed a hesitant George Potter and his pass went to John Coyne who hammered his shot inches wide of the near post.

The match started on a promising note when, from the kick-off, a long Ian Johnston pass was almost snapped up by Alan Marley as it bounced into Lowndes' arms on the edge of the box.

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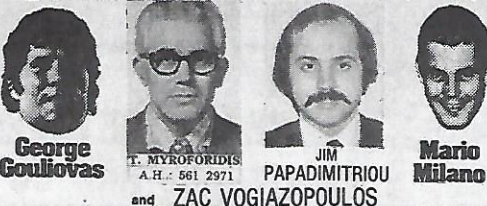
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Mike Micevski of Alexander beats J.U.S.T.'s John Nicolaidis.

Brilliant return by Jack Reilly



Full backs in opposition — Canberra's Danny Moulis (left) tackles Margaritis Hageganouli of Hellas. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

By STEVE KOUROS

For those who had considered Jack Reilly over-shadowed by John Hansen, the message is quite clear.

Our World Cup goalkeeper is ready to challenge the Miers and the Clarkes for his position in the national side.

The hero of Saturday's game at Middle Park was called upon for his first full match of the season as Hansen had won his first selection to the Victorian squad and was resting for Sunday's game against Scottish team Dundee.

To avoid a possible team reshuffle, since Baxter and Campbell were selected as well, Hellas preferred to rest Hansen than either of the other two.

However, Reilly's brilliance did not go on his indifferent team mates who pathetically stood watching Canberra's well-composed defence using the ball to pace the game against the strong wind.

Hellas opened in attack with long balls and Ron Tilsed had his first touch within minutes from a shot by George Campbell.

Canberra's guest player from Motherwell, Peter Marinello

replied, beating Hageganouli on the run, before surrendering the ball to Reilly who dashed off his line.

Relieving in defence, Stuart Baxter prompted an attack that could have resulted in Hellas' lead had Peter Orlerton won his aerial challenge on Tony Henderson. Hellas kept bursting forward aiming for the lead.

Chris Kent picked up possession along the flank and crossed it for Orlerton, but the outstanding Tony Henderson swept ahead of Orlerton to clear the ball.

George Campbell repeated the move but John Brown quick off the mark, smothered him before he was able to control the ball.

Jack Reilly once again dashed off his line and with a brave dive, stopped the advancing Roy Stark.

Hellas' best scoring chance came in the dying minutes of the first half. Orlerton headed a long clearance down for George Christopoulos who unleashed a blistering low shot which Tilsed



Canberra's star defender John Brown

Margaritis v. Basic closes Sunday

By LAURIE SCHWAB

They're billing Sunday's Alexander v Marconi clash as the showdown of coaches John Margaritis and Rale Rasic.

All the posters say so: "Margaritis v. Rasic".

The old friends will turn fierce rivals for two hours at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Rasic has Marconi unbeaten at the top of the ladder, despite recent injuries.

Margaritis has kept Alexander unbeaten in the five games since he took over.

Last year Marconi thrashed Alexander 8-1 in the first round,

but Alexander improved enough to draw the return match 0-0. Now Margaritis hopes for the revenge which just eluded him last year.

Actually, Alexander has beaten Marconi — but that was in a practice match pre-season, which hardly holds much prestige.

Marconi will be as difficult to beat as ever on Sunday.

Last week, Rasic's men beat Newcastle 4-2 despite the absence of Mark Jankevich and Barry Jones, both injured, and Gary Byrne who was dropped.

Jones has a broken arm and Jankevich, who has a groin injury, remains doubtful.

Alexander may have Branko Buljevic back. He missed last Saturday's game against Footscray J.U.S.T. due to injury.

J.U.S.T., having lost 1-2 to Alexander, faces a busy week. It meets Hellas in a Philips Cup game at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) and then has league games against Brisbane City at Scheller Reserve on Saturday and Brisbane Lions in Brisbane on Monday.

Victory in these three games will depend largely on whether the attack finally starts to function as it should. Against Alexander, Dragan Vasic got to the ball six times, and Joe Palinkas did little apart from scoring J.U.S.T.'s only goal. What's more, the midfielders, apart from Mirko Rujovic, also had a bad day.

Goalkeeper Dennis Boland centre backs Jim Konkeris and Zoran Ilacki, and Igor Hazabent all performed very well, but this defence is always put under too much pressure by the team's general inability to sustain attacks.

Ilacki was the star. Standing in for injured Jim Konkeris (who, incidentally, wishes he could play striker when he returns), Ilacki played like a miniature Seckerbauer, patrolling the defence, picking up the ball here and there, even under the greatest of pressure, and distributing it well.

Ljubic was a great source of drive down the left flank and Rujovic worked himself into the ground in midfield. That was it. Further forward, J.U.S.T. had nothing apart from the running of Mendo Ristovski.

Alexander's star was Jim O'Reilly who stopped everything in defence. Midfielders Pat Bannon, back after injury, sprayed good passes forward, and Mike Micevski and Jim Campbell worked solidly. These three had the better of the midfield play.

Andy Boskias buzzed around dangerously up front. Jim Tansey as usual was a constant threat coming down the left flank, and Gary Cole's fierce determination gave him two goals.

J.U.S.T. scored first, in the sixth minute. Ristovski stormed away down the left wing, cut inside and played the ball square to John Nicolaidis, who slipped it into the path of Joe Palinkas.

Palinkas ran onto the ball and slammed it into the net off the far post.

Gulicic hammered the crossbar half way into the second half with Jack Reilly well out of position.

Overlapping Danny Moulis squared the ball to Marinello but this week shot was effortlessly blocked by Reilly.

Jim Cant this time tore a gap in the defence and stepped into the area, meeting Reilly who had abandoned his goal-line to cap his performance with yet another brave dive.

Hellas' last hope came two minutes before the end. The referee penalised Tilsed with an indirect free kick for stepping outside the area. With both sides packed in Tilsed's goal, Campbell shot over the bar.

For John Warren it was a disappointing result, but a well-deserved point.

Players wanted

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s second division team is looking for players aged from 17 to 20.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Joe Starple on 758 2127 (work) or 836 9816 (home).

'Gladbach wins 2-1

TOKYO — West Germany's Borussia Moenchengladbach beat FC Cologne, also of West Germany, 2-1 in the semi-final of the Japan Cup international soccer tournament here.



J.U.S.T. 1 Alexander 2

Six minutes later, the scores were level.

Jim Campbell played a quick cross into the middle to Cole. Dennis Boland was poised for a header at goal, but instead, Cole headed the ball downward. It bounced in front of Boland, over his head, into the goal.

Boland made a succession of brilliant saves, as he has done so often this year, to prevent Alexander from going further ahead.

But in the 65th minute, Cole stormed away on the right wing and his low angled shot caught a deflection off Jim Konkeris, which wrong-footed Boland and landed in the net just inside the near post.

Near the end, Arthur McMillan stopped two dangerous J.U.S.T. flank attacks through Ristovski and Ljubic, and Boskias had a goal disallowed due to a foul.



Zdravko Ljubic storms away from Theo Solomidis.



Referee Jack Roadshaw has words with Jim Tansey.

Hakoah capable of beating Marconi!

By PETER SCOTT

As hundreds of stunned Greek soccer fans bunched around the locker rooms after last Sunday's Hakoah v Olympic clash, they still seemed unable to comprehend what had hit them during the preceding 90 minutes.

What they had the misfortune to come up against was a Hakoah side which, in the most convincing fashion, confirmed that it is on the way back to becoming a power in Australian soccer.

The 5-0 thumping last year's champions handed to Olympic makes it three wins in a row for the Blues, with an impressive 11-1 aggregate scoreline in their favor.

No wonder Hakoah coach Gerry Chalki stated in the euphoric aftermath to the match: "I don't care what the score in Marconi's match was. Let them be pre-occupied with it."

It is far too early to proclaim Hakoah's new look team championship material but in their usual determined fashion the club's leaders are building a team of the future which could eventually rank among the best produced in this country.

Olympic, so good against Marconi the week before, were unfortunately out of their usual team in such a mean and determined mood.

Rookie coach George Gibson had cause to hope for better things as his men gave as good as they got for periods of the first half.

Greek guest star Con Davourila was outstanding for Olympic as he gruffed, and occasionally even threatened better things near the penalty area.

However, it soon became obvious that his was a lone effort.

Dundee's Billy Pirie, on whose goal scoring prowess so much hope has been placed, was a genuine disappointment for his many admirers for all but the final few minutes of the match.

Then, with Hakoah visibly relaxing, he threatened Todd Clarke's goal with a couple of slicing drives but the Soccerco goalie rose to the occasion magnificently.

For the rest of the match Hakoah's defence threw an "iron curtain" around the Scotsman, almost completely choking off his supply of passes.

On the rarest of occasions, when this wall was partially breached, Pirie's show for the time being, the strapping, speedy Steve O'Connor, beat him in the air and on the ground.

Pirie escaped this unwelcome attention only once in the first half, when he bobbed up with a cheeky little header from an acute angle.

Clarke was alert to it though and palmed the ball onto the underside of the cross-bar.

Had it gone in, the score would have been 1-1, but it is doubtful that even such a setback could have reversed the teams' fortunes in this match.

In one word, Hakoah was brilliant for most of the match; their standard dropped only when they relaxed a bit.

None were more brilliant than the Blues' two wingers, Joe Watson and Milton Silva.

Last year the two of them contributed the grand total of two goals to Hakoah's championship winning tally.

This year's tally, at the halfway stage, is a far cry from that.

They taunted and tormented a shaky Olympic defence throughout, with Silva often reducing his full-back Paul Luckett to total panic.

In between the two wingers there was the "reluctant centre-forward", Mark Trenter, who would much prefer to be back in defence.

Happily for Hakoah fans, he takes his resentment out on the opposition by scoring goals — one in his debut last week and one against Olympic.

In the 42nd minute he capitalised on a breathtaking first-time 30 metre pass by Ian Bouness to put Hakoah in a commanding position before the break.

Trenter's goal followed an earlier goal, in the 21st minute, when Mullen stormed down the right wing and put across a low ball which saw Watson lunge at it for a deflection past Mier into the net.

Only moments before that Derek Ling went very close for Olympic with a screaming half-volley which was only inches too high.

However, Hakoah always looked very confident, even during the times when Olympic was on the attack.

John Stevenson, back in the side in place of the suspended Ernie Campbell, moved nicely into attack from midfield whenever the opportunity presented itself and was emulated in this by Barnes, whose stature, combined with the equally tall Trenter, assures Hakoah of a good share of the high balls in the penalty area.

When Watson made it 3-0 in the 46th minute, with a good shot taken on the turn, Olympic simply folded up without as much as a whimper.

Within nine minutes their defence was made to look toothless



Hakoah 5 Olympic 0

again before the score was increased to 4-0.

Bouness and Watson combined in a scintillating move down the right wing, the ball travelled to Trenter, who sidefooted it, only to miss an absolute sitter.

However, the ball stayed in play and Barnes let go with a shot from an almost impossible angle, which was scrambled off the line, but only as far as Silva.

The Brazilian finally put the visitors out of their agony by slamming it into the middle of the net. It continued to be a procession, with Barnes steaming through like a locomotive, only to shoot narrowly past the upright with the goal at his mercy.

Coach Gibson tried to arrest the spreading malaise among his troops by making two substitutions in the 63rd minute.

He took off Stavropoulos and Ling, sending on Ken Wilson and Alan Almalie for them.

Wilson sank without a trace and as for Almalie, well, even the veteran international, with one of the deadliest shots in the business, is only one man.

At this stage Olympic required more than that.

To make the bitter pill even harder to swallow, Olympic striker Don Allan produced a flying header five minutes from the end to score a spectacular own goal.

Game, set and match, to borrow a phrase.

If there was any solace for the inconsolable Olympic fans, who started streaming out of Wentworth Park in their hundreds, with half an hour left for play, their favorites had come up against a side which could have beaten any team on the day.

Even the invincible Marconi? You may well ask.

My personal answer to that hypothetical question is yes, but don't hold me to it.

The second half of the season will tell And it promises to be a real ripper.

Campbell gets that goal

Fitzroy Alexander has credited all three goals against Adelaide Juventus in the game two weeks ago, to Jim Campbell.

"Soccer Action" reported that Campbell scored two and Mike Micevski one.

We have altered our records, crediting the third goal not to Micevski, but to Campbell, as Campbell was in the way to deflect Micevski's shot into goal.

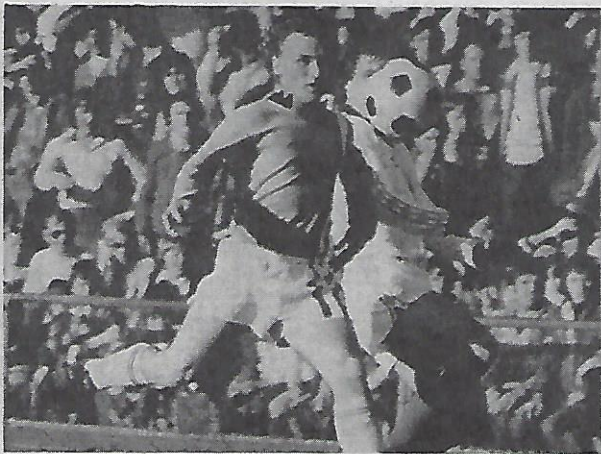
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Essendon Croatia winger Tommy Cumming, star of Victoria's game against Dundee, races down the wing past an opponent. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

CUMMING, BANNON CARVE UP DUNDEE

By KYLE PATTERSON

VICTORIA 2 (McClymont 8th min. Ford own goal 44th min.). DUNDEE 1 (Sinclair 28th min.) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 7000.

Teams with ratings:
VICTORIA: Hansen 6, Bannon 9, Kondorlos 7, Baxter 8, Provan 7, Kerr 7, McClymont 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 6 (Watkins 7, 53rd min.), Reed 7 (injured (McMillan 6th min.), Cumming 9).
DUNDEE: Donaldson 6, Caldwell 6 (McKinnon 59th min.), Phillip 6, Glennie 6, Schaeffer 5, McGachie 6, Williams 5, Ford 7 (McPhail 74th min.), McDougall 7, Sinclair 7, Redford 5 (Bradley 6, half time).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Victoria chalked up its third victory over a touring team when it beat Dundee of Scotland 2-1, but the win wasn't as meritorious as the successes over Bristol Rovers of England and the Welsh F.A.



Referee Chris Bambridge sends Dundee striker Eric Sinclair off the field.

This is because Dundee, in no way a glamor team, was without key players Billy Pirie, Jocky Scott and Jim Schira, and has played poorly throughout its Australian tour.

However, regardless of Dundee's faults, it was one of the best most entertaining pot smashes by a Victorian State team for many years.

Victoria had the edge in every department. Tommy Cumming, the pint-sized Croatia winger, was undoubtedly the star of the game and the Dundee defence found it difficult to answer to his explosive acceleration and ball control.

Franklin's Victor Bannon gave a great display of attack from full back, and was up and down the right flank for the whole game.

His overlapping runs ended with accurate crosses or passes. It's a shame he's not still playing in the Phillips League as he's one of the best full backs around.

The midfield duel was easily won by Victoria, which had Alan Kerr (Croatia) as the workhorse. Billy McClymont (Makedonia) supporting the forwards, and Ken Taylor (Alexander) in a deep-lying role to sweep up behind the forward line.

The Victorian defence of Bannon, Jim Kondorlos (J.U.S.T.), Stuart Baxter (Hellas) and Bobby Provan (Alexander) had a commanding afternoon, and was under pressure for only a 15-minute period midway through the first half when Dundee pushed forward in search of an equaliser to Victoria's eighth-minute goal.

Dundee had centre forward Ian Sinclair sent off four minutes from time after he'd foolishly handled referee Chris Bambridge. Bambridge had waved play on after the ball struck substitute George McMillan (Makedonia) on the arm inside the Victorian penalty area.

The referee ignored the appeals for a penalty from Dundee players, but Sinclair was so incensed that he grabbed Bambridge as he started to run upfield with the play. Bambridge had no hesitation in reaching for his red card. Overall, Bambridge did a first class job in what was his first international game.

Dundee's performance was lack-lustre. The team's defence gave the Victorian forwards plenty of space in which to work, and was slow in getting the ball clear of the danger zone once the Victorian forwards had been dispossessed.

The Scottish club's attacks were on occasions fast but mostly ended with high balls into the middle where Baxter and Kondorlos easily headed clear.

Bobby Ford made some good runs from midfield and Ian McDougall made good positions on the right wing. However, John Hansen, the South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper, was never tested.

Dundee missed promotion from the Scottish First Division to the Premier League by only one point this season. If Dundee is one of the better sides in its division then any Phillips League team would hold its own in that league.

The game attracted 6300 paying fans, which is a good attendance under the circumstances. Dundee doesn't have one big-name player and the club's average home gate is only 4000.

Cumming started the game in brilliant fashion. He gathered the

ball on the right, then went on a weaving run, cutting in and slotting the ball into the path of McClymont. Unfortunately the pass was too strong and Dundee goalkeeper Andy Donaldson came off his line and grabbed the ball.

A similar move minutes later brought Victoria a goal. Cumming zipped along the edge of the penalty with Dundee defenders flustering in his wake, then released the ball to McClymont, whose shot seemed to trickie into the net.

Ken Reed came into the play early in the piece, but it was Bannon who gave Victoria the drive. With the former Rothman Medalist at right back, and Cumming on the right wing, Victoria had an unbalanced combination.

Erish Schaeffer, who was in Scotland's 1974 World Cup squad, was on the receiving end. He was playing in left back, and was repeatedly beaten and caught out of position.

On the left side George Campbell was bowled over with some crude tackles, but still managed to contribute to some promising moves by Victoria.

In one he received the ball from Provan and beat his full back Alex Caldwell. He took the ball down the line and sent over a good far-post cross, but unfortunately Cumming was not tall enough to beat Bobby Glennie, who cleared.

Campbell didn't have any noteworthy shots at goal, and at times his lack of size was a hindrance.

After Victoria had dominated the first 15 minutes, Dundee fought its way back into the game. A few times the Victorian backline was caught out by fast attacks, but Dundee didn't have many clear-cut opportunities.

However, Dundee equalised in the 28th minute thanks to some slick marking by Victoria. McDougall curled in a corner, and the ball went directly to the feet of Sinclair, who was six yards out.

With nonchalant ease he put the

ball into the net with the nearest Victoria defender two yards away. Victoria took the goal in its stride and continued to play with confidence, and indeed was better organised than the professionals of Dundee.

The Scotsmen had one of their best chances in the 38th minute when Sinclair fed the ball to McDougall, who put in a low cross to the edge of the 18 yard box where Ian Redford was positioned. However, Redford didn't connect cleanly with the ball and Hansen had little trouble saving in front of the post.

Reed made a darting run into space on the right side of the penalty area and then, after receiving the ball, sent over a chip to the far post. There were no Victorian forwards around, but Ford stretched out to try to clear the ball, succeeding only to put it into his own net.

In the dying seconds of the half, Hansen was called on to save at the feet of McDougall after he had run onto a long through ball. The Dundee winger had outpaced Provan, but Hansen anticipated well and blocked McDougall, sending the ball away for a corner.

In the 53rd minute Victoria coach Duncan McKay made a good move when he replaced Campbell with Mick Watkins of Juventus. Watkins was quickly into the action with a good run down the left, playing a one-two with McClymont on the net.

Bannon continued to combine with his forwards and one move with Watkins in the 58th minute was a gem. Watkins was standing over the ball but pushed it wide when Bannon went racing past

him. Bannon beat Caldwell, then sent over an inch-perfect cross to Watkins, who'd made position on the edge of the penalty area. Bannon's cross had cut two defenders out of the game, but because the move had been done with such speed, Watkins had trouble controlling the ball and it dribbled to 'keeper Donaldson.

Minutes later Watkins confused the Dundee defence, then slotting the ball inside for Reed, whose left-foot shot from inside the 18-yard box was well saved by Donaldson.

Victoria attacked consistently and the players' footballing skills were superior to those of Dundee. The Vics played with more teamwork and understanding than Dundee, which is involved in training or playing for nine months of the year.

It says a lot for coach McKay, who moulded a well-balanced side in limited time.

Reed limped off in the 66th minute and was replaced by McMillan. Soon after Hansen had to tip a long shot by John McPhail over the bar, but that was the nearest Dundee came to scoring in the second half.

Although Victoria didn't score again, the quality of the soccer it played was very high. Play was often switched with long balls, and good build-ups in midfield involved up to six players.

Taylor and McClymont pushed the ball around in classy style, while flank men Watkins, Cumming and Bannon supplied the individual flair.

Overall, it was a great performance by the Vics, but the Victorian Soccer Federation must concentrate on bringing out top clubs which will draw the crowds and show how good the State team really is.



Victoria's Stuart Baxter (right) dispossesses Dundee's Bobby Ford, who scored an own goal. At left is Alan Kerr of Victoria.

Hakoah signs Micic



Frank Micic, the king of Victoria soccer, has been appointed coach of Hakoah St. Kilda.

He will continue to play but only in important matches. The former Soccerco watched Hakoah's games against Sunshine (0-1) and Ringwood (1-1), and afterwards commented that a lot of work would have to be done. Hakoah's next game is against Frankston at Middle Park — a tough test for Micic and his boys.

Micic, a veteran of 18 years in Australian soccer, will have no trouble getting a clearance from Footscray J.U.S.T. the club he has served so well. He replaces the sacked Mike Mandella.

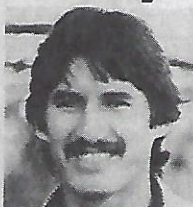
Croatia's bargain buy

Essendon Croatia's new goalkeeper Vjekoslav ("Yakka") Banovic cost the club \$5,000.

However, when Banovic (pictured) wanted to join the powerful Metros Croats of the North American Soccer League, his former club, Adelaide Croatia, demanded \$15,000.

The 22-year-old Banovic is reputed to be one of the best young goalkeepers in the country. He was with Adelaide Croatia for five years after playing as a junior in Whyalla. He went to America in the hope of completing his physical education degree, as well as continuing to play soccer. Metros was interested in signing him, but the \$15,000 fee was too high. Banovic now hopes to finish his degree in Melbourne.

He will probably make his debut for Essendon this week against Ringwood at Olympic Park.



Injuries hit Ajax



Green Gully's bad luck continued when Steve Bennie (pictured) broke his left leg in a car accident last week. Bennie also had minor head injuries and lacerations. Ajax bought Bennie and John Cain from Slavia for a total of \$8000 only four weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Ajax's Maltese star Willie Vassallo will have a cartilage operation on June 12.

John Patten also had a car accident. His car was a write-off, but fortunately Patten escaped injury.

\$5000 CUP IN TASMANIA

The Tasmanian Soccer Association this week announced details of the newly-instigated Cadbury Cup, which has prize money of \$5000.

Cadbury's, the chocolate confectionery company, is the sponsor. This season only southern clubs will be invited to play but for season 1979 it's hoped that the tournament will involve clubs from all over the State.

The five southern clubs in the Tasmanian State League, plus the eight teams in the southern Winfield First Division will compete this season with \$2100 going to the winner

and \$1200 to the second-placed team. Every team that enters will win some money (minimum \$200). The entire fee is \$100 for every club.

The 13 teams will be divided into three groups and will play a round-robin tournament. The winners of groups one and two go into the semi-finals, while the top two teams in group three, which has five teams compared with four in the other groups, also progress.

Semi-finals will be played, with the winners playing off for top prize, and the two losers battling for third place, which carries prize money of \$700.

More clinics in August

Australian Soccer Camps conducted a five-day clinic at Olympic Park, Melbourne, last week for boys aged eight to 16.

Response was so good that A.S.C. were forced to turn down applicants a week before the clinic commenced.

More than 100 boys attended the clinic. About 30 clubs were represented and two boys flew over from Tasmania to take part. Interest was so high that one boy from Geelong came up every day.

The boys received expert tuition from top coaches and players Rale Rasic, Bobby

McLachlan, Mike de Bruyckere, Jimmy Armstrong, Mendo Ristovski, George Campbell, John Holson and John Hansen.

The clinic covered all the skills of soccer, and included lectures, films and swimming at the Olympic Pool.

A.S.C. plans at least three clinics in the August school holidays in Melbourne.

One will be an advanced clinic to cater for boys who have already attended a previous A.S.C. clinic.

Further information is available from A.S.C.'s Melbourne office, 464 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. Tel: 267 1522.

DUNDEE MEETS S.A. TONIGHT

Dundee plays its last tour match, against South Australia, at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, tonight (Wednesday).

The SA squad features non-PSL players Howie Jacques, the Polonia goalkeeper, and John Kamieltner, the Beograd midfielder.

Also included is former Glasgow Rangers winger Graham Fyfe who arrived recently to join Adelaide Juventus, which has 11 players in the squad.

West Adelaide Hellas has six representatives.

The squad is:
Goalkeepers: Martyn Crook (WA-Hellas), Peter Marshall (Adel. Juve), Howie Jacques (Polonia).
Defenders: Barry Reynolds (WAH), Bugey Nyakohus (Juve), David Jones (WAH), Con Kempas (WAH), Frank Lister (Juve).
Midfielders: Peter Boyle (WAH), Henry Kolecki (Juve), John Perin (Juve), Agner Muniz (Juve), Gary Marocchi (Juve), John Kamieltner (Beograd).
Strikers: John Koelima (Juve), Graham Fyfe (Juve), John Nyakohus (Juve), Graham McVeyman (WAH), Brian Northcote (Juve).
Coach is Edmund Kraft.

Kevin Walker back

George Cross winger Kevin Walker was expected to return to Australia from Great Britain this week.

Walker, a member of George's 1977 State League championship-winning side, left Australia at the end of last season.

Coach Billy Wilkinson says his team is slowly getting back into the form that won the club its first ever championship last season.

"We started this season slowly because we'd lost a lot of players," he said. "Now those lost players are coming back, so naturally the side will start to play better."

The Cross was without Kevin Kelly, Lou Kastner, Robert Cullen and

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Bledi Ziki Nikolic On ce ovih dana, pored senjorita i karnevala, gledati u Buenos Airesu dobar nogometa. Izazov u Argentini je izraz evropskog nogometa, a pretila ovog takmicenja i izgled na pobedu daleko oeebnu druz, ali zato je zbog toga treba da budan kaznjav?

Meni je neobito, pale u delu da izvestavam sa nasog lokalnog, tzv. nacionalno-igalskog mucenja lopte. Kaznu (zavre nedelje po 90 minuta) pocao sam da izdrzavam na JUST-ov igralistu u Fostersu (srednja subota).

Za tu samonametu masohisticku torturu 3.000 ljudi pletu je po 3 dolara, a preko 1000 uzivalo u mukama BESPLATNO sa bednom van igralista. Ruku na srce, JUST ima u ovom timu 11 zvezda. Kao zabavljak, po jednacno, svi su izvrstni lopti, opet ruku na srce, ja ni za zlog Boga ne vidim sta od toga ima JUST, a sta navlaci.

Celo to "plavo" saznavanje i izgubi se i postane nevidljivo sa prvim zrakom sunca, sve jedno izgubi.

U subotu su poceli izvoditi: izgledalo je za trenutak kao da imaju jedan zajednicki ratni plan, zajednicki cilj i svaki svoju odredjenu funkciju. Videli ste rezultat i saradnje poase samo 7 minuta.

Ako nije videli, etali! Mendo Ristovski pronaos je Nikolaidesa u gomili nogu, Nikolaides je kao statetu predale Palinu koji je iz ostrag desnog i ostale ostro po zemlju i sam levi ugo. Lopta je jedva okruzila stativu i zatreasa mrezu.

To je bio u isto vreme i vrhunac JUST-ovih postignuca na ovoj utakmici i poslednja zajednicka akcija.

Posle toga preslo se na jalovo doavanje, besilno vracanje i solo prodore koji se obicno zavravaju jednim te istim rezultatom: solista se zaduva.

Upravo su zato vodili svega pet minuta. Potpuno nepotrebito dojde se pred svoj golom. Jednu visoku loptu, koju JUST-ovi igralci ocigledno nisu dorasli, igra Aleksandra docekuje celi i u neposredne blizine, preko istocnog Bolanda, smesta u nebranjeni mrezu.

Tek 12 minuta i vec 1:1. Ostala 33 minute prvog poluvremena Plocaos avaju loptu, perfektno precizno dodaje — protivnickom igralcu. On jednostavno nije umio da pogodi. Ristovski nam je drzao lekciju iz dribljanja lopte, protivnickih igrica, publike i svih nashih kilokihovih nerava, do neizmogolj. Palinka je demonstrirao kako se bez mnogo napora uspesno promasuje gol iz svake pozicije.

Vasici traze se po igralistu. Kapu treba skinuti Rujevicu jer mu za vreme igre pada na oci i ne vidi sta se desava oko njega.

Cuo sam u u publici Kondarosa zove Katalinski. Mozda, u kooperativnoj okolini.

Ali uza odbrana ne snosi odgovornost za ovaj jos jedan poraz JUST-a. U najmanju ruku moze se reci da znaju svoj zadatak i da ga otaljavaju struno.

Hazabeni je hladan i prerasnut. Vro reliko mu nesto ne polazi za rukom. Lujk je dinamo celog tima. Valjda u ocenljavodje je skroz tivo po JUST-ovu akciju do kaznenog prostora protivnika. Pa ipak uvek je bio na svom mestu kad je trebalo.

Boland je jedican, ali njegova neprobostnost ne zavisi samo od njega. Sve ovo vaz i za drugo poluvreme.

Utakmica se ustvari zavrila u 68. minuti kad su se Grci slucajno, kao uostalom i u toku cele ove igre slucajno, nash pred golom JUST-a. Neko je od sale uzio mialu i neudjedljivo loptu s desne strane pravo prema Bolandu koji je, sagnut, mirno cekao. Kondarosi je, verovatno s namerom da pomogne golmanu, skrece u gol poedre zaprepasenog Bolanda. 1:2.

U ostalim utakmicama: CENTRAL ALTONA je pobedila vodim tim 2. divizije Provisionalne lige, Royal Park, sa 1:0. Igralo se u gostima.

Jedini gol utakmice postigao je Golevski u 76. minutu. Utakmica je bila izvanredno lepa, a poseta velika.

Iduce subote igra se jugo-derbi Carlton/Srbija — Central Altona u gostima kod Srbije.

ARLTON/SRBIA je, posle tri nedelje nepravedne suspenzije, sa skupljenim timom pobedila Bullen sa 3:2.

Sada je na sedmom mestu Druge divizije, ali ima tri utakmice manje od ostalih klubova u svojoj diviziji. Zastale utakmice odigrace se na kraju sezone.

Strelci za Srbiju: Bjelogrić, Vasko Stojčević, Misa Alagić. U subotu Carlton/Srbija je domaćin Central Altona na svom igralistu u Flemingtonu. Za ovu derbi utakmicu nash klubova Srbija ce imati tezak posao da skripi tim jer povredjeni protivnici jos ne mogu da igraju.

Pa ipak susret obećava zanimljiv i uzbuđujući prijateljsku utakmicu i publici se preporučuje da ne propusti ovu jedinstvenu priliku da vidi nasa dva tima u borbi za prestiž i mesto na vrhu tabele.

U Industrijskoj ligi: TARAX — Ralph McKay 5:4.

TARAX je opet propustio priliku da povede i pobedi sa 10 golova razlike. Propusti su posle odlaznog pocetka i dozvolili protivniku da skor izjednači. Golove su postigli: Adamović 3, Hladobrić 1, M. Kresinger, Najbolji među Taraksovcima Adamović, Mladenović, Brkić i Milinov. PEGASUS — Fibre Makers 4:2.

Pegasi su ostali na prvom mestu golovima Petelinke, Sabljaka, Pavlovića i Ovcara.

2. tim JUST-a — St Albans 3:0 JUST vodi na tabeli.

ISPOD 14 GODINA: Za Kup JLMC JUST — Nunawading 1:1 (1:0).

JUST-ovi juniori izgubili na penale sa 4:1.

Sve je ovo vaznu kup utakmicu, produzio za 9 minuta i za to vreme protivnik je uspeo da izjednači.

Gol za JUST postigao je Stojče Dimovski.

JUST-ovi mlađani nisu izgubili ni jednu utakmicu na svom terenu zadnje tri godine.

ISPOD 16 GODINA: Juniori ispod 16 godina, u susretu sa Rosannom za Kup odneli su jos jednu izvanrednu pobedu od 7:0.

U 10 utakmica oni su postigli 90 golova.

Strelci za JUST: Robert Erdg 4, Branko Mitrović 2, Dragan Dejanović 1.

—ALEX NIKOLIC

RALE RASIC

Manly beaten for first time

Manly suffered their first defeat of the season when they were beaten 2-0 by premiers Croatia.

Croatia's goals were notched by Peter Coleman and Maurice Sullivan, after a scoreless first half.

In the 53rd minute referee Dennis McDermott cautioned Tim O'Malley for a foul on Warren Saver and awarded a penalty.

The kick by Abney was brilliantly saved by Manly goalkeeper Laurie Palec, but referee McDermott ordered the kick to be retaken.

This time Coleman lined it up, and Palec again blocked it but Coleman scored from the rebound.

In the 80th minute, a pass by Coleman found Sullivan who beat Santolin and rounded the goalkeeper to score.

Manly's play of playing Jim Herron and Paul Thomas against Arncliffe in an attempt to add scoring power failed when they went down 1-2.

Neilson Brizuela proved to be quite a problem for the Granville defence and scored the first goal for Arncliffe in the 32nd minute.

Granville equalised in the 37th minute from a penalty shot.

Herron was ruled to have been tripped in the box and Henry Seidridge scored from the spot.

Arncliffe took a winning lead at the 53rd minute following a bad mix up in the Granville defence.

Muskovites collected a loose ball 30 metres out, moved towards goal and scored with a low shot from close in.

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NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

This week's games

SATURDAY
Granville v Sutherland, Garalde Park
Auburn v Toongabbie, Mona Park
SUNDAY
Manly v Mville Olympic, Cromer Park
Avala v Monaro, Mona Park
Croatia v Apla, Sports Ground
Bankstown v Yugal, Soccer Centre
Arncliffe v Melita, Hurstville
Yugal v Granville, Garalde Park

MONDAY
A steady stream of accurate passes from Stephen Meades and Jim Bartfield continually put their team on attack.

In the 16th minute Sutherland swept upfield in a movement involving six players and Peter Beggs supplied the final pass to Bartfield who smashed the goal home from 20 metres.

After the interval Sutherland continued their attack and Beggs added the second goal after a scramble on the goal line in the 60th minute.

In the 75th minute Sutherland increased their lead through Craig Heale who netted with a superb header and it was only on the final whistle that loose defence allowed, John Dick to grab a consolation goal for Manly.

A goal scored in the 27th minute by John Doyle was sufficient to give APLA two valuable points against relegation threatened Bankstown at Lambert Park.

Three times the ball was kicked by Bankstown goal line, twice by Paul Thompson and once by Dave Morrison.

Midfielder Lindsay was the best player and defender Norrie Porter and forward Butler were also outstanding.

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Brazil the best yet

dreams about. As for the opening match, neither Germany nor Poland has been impressive in recent lead-up games. Have they been playing cautiously, refusing to risk heavy knocks, or has the sparkle left these two teams?

We'll find out on Friday. Germany obviously misses Franz Beckenbauer, and will probably use tactics different to those of 1974.

I believe the most noticeable change will be that Germany, and many of the other teams will use man-to-man marking and their work rate will be much higher.

It seems that in Australian soccer, it's a handicap playing with 11 players. Strange thing to say, but it seems to be borne out by recent events.

For example, Brisbane City had two players sent off and seven cautioned, yet still beat Newcastle 3-2 in their postponed match mid-week.

The St George v Hakoah game two weeks ago was even until Hakoah had Ernie Campbell sent off. Then Hakoah dominated completely.

There are many other examples I have witnessed personally.

What does it mean? Are players not producing their maximum effort or don't they understand what it means to have a spare man on the field?

Zonal football is no longer used in modern football overseas. It is all man-to-man marking, which means there should be no free players in the game.

When one or two men of one side are sent off, the other side automatically has one or two free men, which must constitute an enormous advantage.

If you don't win with that advantage, there must be something grossly wrong with the team, and with our soccer in general.

The response to the Australian Soccer Camps coaching sessions in Melbourne was quite phenomenal, as it was in Sydney.

Coaches like Mike de Bruyn, Bobby McLachlan, Jimmy Armstrong, George Campbell, John Hansen and Mendo Ristovski did an incredible job with the 80-odd kids who took part.

I saw the kids responded proved that they can learn an enormous amount from a well-planned programme carried out by experts.

Western Suburbs 2 (C. Eaton, Stone) — Sutherland 0.

Two goals in the first half were enough to see the Phillips League team into the second round of the Phillips Cup.

One-way traffic, as it was, as the Western Suburbs were lucky not to have been a goal down in the first 20 minutes, thanks to some poor shooting by the young Sutherland star Craig Hall.

It was the first of all important goals in the Phillips Cup. Skellern centred, Clive Eaton was on the spot to head the ball past Craggs and Western Suburbs were one up after 20 minutes.

In the 32nd minute, Stone surprised Craggs with a rocket-like shot from the edge of the penalty area to put Western further ahead.

For the rest of the game Sutherland fought hard but was unable to force home its territorial advantage. Craig Hall was the culprit again in the 52nd minute, missing a shot from 10 metres.

Five minutes later Peter Hall raced past two defenders but his lob over the head of the goalkeeper went over the bar.

In the end, Western ran out winners by two goals leaving Sutherland to ponder about the squandered chances that could have surprised the favoured Westerns.

For the winners, Turnbull, Harding, Stone and Eaton played well, while Sutherland had their best players in Watkins, Meades, Bartfield and P. Hall.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Lechowicz, Skellern, Turnbull, Rowden, Campbell, Harding, Stone, Drew, Scott, Eaton and Vernon.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Schuman, Wykes, Watkins, Daifomo, Meades, Beggs, Smith, C. Hall, Bartfield, P. Hall.

Sydney Olympic 2 (Laing, D. Allen) — Auburn 0.

After a fast and entertaining first game of the double header at Garalde Park, Auburn and Olympic failed to give the 1000-plus spectators much to cheer about.

Bill Pirie, the much talked-about Dundee forward with 59 goals to his credit for the season, did not score but laid on the second goal late in the second half, putting the result beyond doubt.

Pirie had a golden opportunity in the 38th minute but his shot from close range cleared the crossbar by quite a few feet. Then in the 78th minute, Auburn goalkeeper Griffin missed, giving Pirie another opportunity.

Olympic's striker lobbed the ball over Griffin, but it grazed the crossbar. Olympic had to wait for 45 minutes before scoring their first goal.

Griffin pushed a "through" ball to Laing, who raced into the area, then fired a shot from about 12 metres, giving Griffin no chance.

In the 88th minute, Pirie took the ball some 40 metres from Auburn's line, then sent Olympic's replacement Don Allen towards goal. Bertram — in fact, Norling — failed to stop Allen from shooting past Griffin from just inside the penalty area.

Karakostas in goal for Olympic was the man of the match, pulling off some brilliant saves. In the second round of the Sydney Olympic Cup, Hamilton was by far the best, directing play and constantly beating his opponents in the middle of the park. Stravopoulas was the disappointment of the evening, while Laing played himself into the turf for the first time.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Karakostas, McIntosh, Palmer, Luckett, Bell, Stravopoulas, Laing, Jamieson, Pirie, Senkaki, (Allen), Cross.

AUBURN: Griffin, Cornett, McGillicuddy, Barlow, McLeod, Sides (Vidlic 75'), Hamilton, Stevenson (Fairclough 80'), Pigott, Treacy, Alex YEBIC.

Adelaide Juventus 5 (J. Nyskohus, B. Nyskohus, Fyfe, Kasmina, Marocchi) NOARLUNGA 0.

Adelaide Juventus returned to its best ball-playing form to win the SA State League side Noarlunga United in the first round of the Phillips Cup at Hindmarsh last Wednesday night.

It was a heartening performance for Juve's disappointed fans and their new coach, Les Schellmug, who took over from Edmund Kraft last week.

With Scottish imports Graham Fyfe and Pat McCuskey in devastating form, Juventus never looked in danger.

Noarlunga had no answer to Juventus' subtle skills and razor-sharp passing which continually exposed Noarlunga's defence.

In fact, Noarlunga had only one shot at goal which would be considered chances and were awarded three corners for the entire match.

Juventus' problem of fielding a settled side in the wake of the new arrivals seems resolved as Graham Fyfe and Pat McCuskey combined brilliantly with their team-mates.

Fyfe, in particular, was in fine touch and has obviously developed an understanding with full back Bugsy Nyskohus.

John Nyskohus swept a tumble over Noarlunga's keeper Ian Young into the net after 22 minutes to give Juventus a 1-0 lead at half time.

In the second half it was all Juventus and Noarlunga could do little to stop the ramp.

Goals came from Bugsy Nyskohus (an 18 metre pldriver in the 49th minute), Fyfe (53 mins), Kasmina (65 mins) and Marocchi (82 mins).

AZZURRI 1 (Russo) BEOGRAD 2 (Kamleitner, Jankovic).

In an earlier Phillips Cup match, Eastern Districts Azzurri lost 1-2 to Beograd Woodville in a shock result.

Beograd, at the bottom of the Rothmans State League, surprised their ball-playing opponents with a great degree of skill and determination.

They led 2-0 at half time with goals from John Kamleitner and Jankovic and despite a late rally after a goal from Azzurri's Ross Russo, held on till the end.

FRANK PANGALLO

\$200,000 FOR TOP COACH

The Australian Soccer Federation's quest to find a world-class coach has been given a boost by the announcement that an unnamed company is prepared to sponsor the coach to the tune of \$200,000.

This was disclosed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, by ASF president Sir Arthur George and secretary Brian Le Fevre, who are trying to recruit a coach at the World Cup finals.

The \$200,000 deal would run for five years, meaning that the sponsorship would give the coach an income of \$40,000 a year. However, the company stipulated that a well-known, world-wide personality must be found. To entice such a man, the ASF would probably have to put up some of its own money, boosting the annual income for the national coaching job to around \$60,000.

However, this is still peanuts compared with the hundreds of thousands offered by the Arab nations.

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Croatia's challenge

By FRANK PANGALLO

Croatia made a determined bid to keep up with Rothmans State League pacesetter Cumberland, with an impressive 4-1 win over Polonia last weekend.

They are in second place, three points behind Cumberland who kept their unbeaten record intact with a four 1-1 draw with Victoria.

Croatia's good form recently doesn't come as a surprise. They have promised to fire for so long and it is inevitable that their blend of youth and skills would settle into quite a formidable combination.

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Top PSL men would be stars in United States

Best to transfer?

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Aztecs won their second game in a week, while George Best (pictured) was relaxing on Malibu Beach.

Best walked out of the team after the Aztecs went down to Detroit 2-0.

He failed to attend practice the day after, but since his

absence the Aztecs have won two games 2-1 against the Chicago Sting.

The Aztecs, who have now won three and lost five for the season, are still in bottom position in their division.

Best has not had any contact with the Aztecs since his walk-out which came as a big surprise.

Best was dropped from the Aztecs team recently but was reinstated and it appeared that he had settled his differences.

The Aztecs are believed to

be prepared to transfer him but will not move until they talk with Best.

But if Best does go it will only be to a side which is located near the beach.

This would limit him to the two Florida teams, Fort Lauderdale and Tampa Bay, or San Diego or California Surf.

"There's no way he is going to the Surf," Aztecs' owner Larry Friend told me.

"He's not going anywhere he's going to hurt me." — MENO TOUTSIDIS.

From MENO TOUTSIDIS, on tour of the United States.

LOS ANGELES, — The King has abdicated but soccer has not relaxed its grip on its new American audience.

When Pele played his last game for the Cosmos last year, critics predicted soccer would disintegrate.

But the Cosmos are still drawing 40,000 crowds in New York and Minnesota regularly plays in front of 30,000 fans at home.

The early season demise of the Los Angeles Aztecs has reduced their support to a home game average of 8,000 while neighbours California Surf played in front of 16,000 fans last week.

The 24-team North American Soccer League is a complex set-up.

There are two divisions — the National Conference and the American Conference.

Both divisions have three groups — Central, Eastern and Western.

Each team plays 30 games, which includes playing their own group opponents twice and playing teams in the other groups, some twice and others once.

The top two teams from the six groups meet in the playoffs and the NASL Final being played in New Jersey on August 27.

The points system is also unique.

Each winning team is awarded six points and one point for each goal up to a maximum of three goals.

This means that a winning team which scores three goals or more can earn a maximum of nine points.

Losing teams are also awarded points for goals.

There are no draws in American soccer. If the match is level after normal time two 7½ minute periods of extra time are played.

The match ends as soon as a goal is scored — even if it is in the first minute of extra time.

And if the scores are still level, each side takes five shoot-outs, which is a modified version of the penalty kick.

Americans have a penchant for statistics and they are having a ball with soccer (no pun intended).

Did you know Oakland and National team goalkeeper Shep Messing has a goal against record of .923 per game this season?

Messing, a full-blooded American, is the pin up boy here.

Apart from posing nude for a centre fold in *Viva* magazine, he is also making a few dollars on the side with TV commercials.

Messing's most popular commercial is an anti-smoking ad and he tells millions of Americans: "I don't smoke, I don't chew (tobacco) and I don't go with girls who do."

Americans also place great emphasis on shut-outs which simply means that a

goalkeeper keeps the opposing team scoreless.

And if you're wondering what an assist is, that's simple too.

It's a pass from which a team mate scores.

At the end of the season the player with the most goals and assists is recognised as the league's top scorer.

Each goal is worth two points and an assist earns a player one point.

But what is the standard like, you ask.

Surprisingly good. I've been to four games and they were certainly entertaining.

California Surf striker Manuel Cuenca, a Spaniard, is a class ball player who would give *Rale Rale*'s robot Marconi, defence a few things to think about while his American team mate Al Trost is considered the best player American soccer has produced.

The significant feature of American soccer is that they like shooting.

Trost has scored three goals in the past fortnight and two of them were 30-metre thunderbolts.

There are some players, not in the Franz Beckenbauer or Giorgio Chinaglia class, who could walk into the current Marconi team, but on the other hand American soccer could do with a Johnny Perin or a Martin Crook.

Both players, like a sprinkling of other PSL players, would have no trouble making the grade here.

Indeed they could easily become overnight stars.

But with the American season clashing head-on with the PSL it's unlikely there will be a defection of out top players chasing American dollars.

At the moment two former Australian league players are playing here.

Adrian Alston is of course with the Tampa Bay Rowdies, although he is currently injured, and former Lion and South Australian midfielder Alan Spokes, is playing for the Los Angeles Sky Hawks in the inferior American League.

Although the league contains teams from across the country, it is recognised here as a type of State League.

Spokes shot the Sky Hawks to the top of their division after he scored the only goal of the match against California Sunshine last week.

The NASL receives excellent coverage on TV, radio and in the press.

Channel 9 in Los Angeles has the exclusive rights on all of the California Surf's away games which are shown live here.

The Aztec's away games are shown exclusively by Channel 11.

There is no coverage of home games.

Unlike in Australia, the coverage of games is strictly between the owners of the clubs and the TV stations.

Home games are broadcast every week on radio.



PETER GEORGIOU
of the
'Hellenic Herald'

Ντυμένη στα γιορτινά της η 'Αργεντινή, Κέντρο Παγκοσμίου ποδοσφαιρικού ενδιαφέροντος εμμένει το ενσκήπτιο σφύριγμα των τελικών αγωνιών, του 11ου Παγκοσμίου Κυπέλλου. Όμοιοι γιορτινοί πρόκειται για το πλέον άνοκτο, ελεύθερο και άδμευτο σε προθέσεις Παγκόσμιο Κύπελλο, κυρίως λόγω της ελλείψεως «καυτών» φαβορί για την κατάκτηση του ακριβότερου τίτλου.

«Ας δούμε λοιπόν τα πιθανά ζεύγη για τον 6° γύρο (προημιτελικούς).

Α' Όμιλος: 'Αργεντινή — Ουγγαρία.

Β' Όμιλος: Δ. Γερμανία — Πολωνία.

Γ' Όμιλος: Βραζιλία — Ισπανία.

Δ' Όμιλος: 'Ολλανδία — Σκωτία.

Για τους ημιτελικούς οι προθέσεις μου είναι: 'Αργεντινή, Βραζιλία, Δ. Γερμανία, 'Ολλανδία, η Πολωνία στην θέση της 'Αργεντινής.

Πα τον μεγάλο τελικό τείνω να συμφωνήσω με την πλειοψηφία, προβάλλοντας την Γιγοντομαχία Βραζιλίας — 'Ολλανδίας. Μεταξύ δε των δύο θεωρώ επικρατέστερη την Βραζιλία διότι είναι συνολικά διατηρήθηκε περισσότερο από κάθε άλλη ομάδα στην περίοδο προετοιμασίας και πέτυχε στην τελευταία τετραετία να αντιμετωπίσει αρκετό από το ταλέντο που έχασε μετά την αποχώρηση εν πρώτοίς της 'Ακρόης.

Υπάρχει όμως και η κα 'Ηγγορία των ομάδων οι ρινά την πορεία των φαβορί και να επικρατήσουν στην μέση τάξη, χωρίς όμως να έχουν έλλειψη για τελική διακρίση. Αυτές είναι η 'Ισπανία, 'Ιταλία, Γαλλία, Σουηδία και Αυστρία.

Με εύκολα ξεχωρίζει η κλασική ταυτοσύνταξη της 16άδας που θα ικανοποιηθούν μόνο με την τιμή της συμμετοχής στους αγώνες του Παγκοσμίου οι 'Ιράν, Τυνησία, Μεξικό, Κουέλλου. Αυτές είναι κό, Περού.

Το πρόγραμμα των αγώνων, κατά ημερομηνίες είναι:

1 'Ιουνίου: Δ. Γερμανία — Πολωνία (Β' όμιλος).
2 'Ιουνίου: Γαλλία — 'Ιταλία — 'Αργεντινή — Ουγγαρία, Τυνησία — Μεξικό (α' όμιλος).

3 'Ιουνίου: Σουηδία — Βραζιλία, 'Ισπανία — Αυστρία, Περού — Σκωτία, 'Ολλανδία — 'Ιράν, Δ' Όμιλος.

6 'Ιουνίου: 'Αργεντινή — Γαλλία, 'Ιταλία — Ουγγαρία, Α' Όμιλος.

Δ. Γερμανία — Μεξικό, Τυνησία — Πολωνία (Β' Όμιλος).

7 'Ιουνίου: Αυστρία — Σουηδία, Βραζιλία — 'Ισπανία Γ' όμιλος.


Περού — 'Ολλανδία, Σκωτία — 'Ιράν Δ' Όμιλος.

10 'Ιουνίου: Γαλλία — Ουγγαρία, 'Αργεντινή — 'Ιταλία Α' Όμιλος.

Δ. Γερμανία — Τυνησία, Μεξικό — Πολωνία Β' Όμιλος.

11 'Ιουνίου: Σουηδία — 'Ισπανία, Βραζιλία — Αυστρία Γ' όμιλος.

Σκωτία — 'Ολλανδία Περού — 'Ιράν Δ' Όμιλος.



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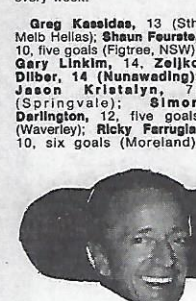
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The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.
5. Send the information to "Soccer Action" 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.



A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

I have received a letter from Lyndale United Soccer Club, for which I thank them very much. It reads as follows: Mr. Jensen, we have read with interest your comments on regional trials and lack of communication at club level. We would like to ask through your column, if it really is lack of communication or could it be that some clubs are so fed up with the unfair selection of regional teams that they choose not to subject boys to the psychological effect that unfair rejection has on them. It would be interesting to know if the clubs that have spoken to me over the past few weeks about regional selection, would agree with you about boys given the opportunity to play for regions or State. It seems that some

choice at all. From your comment about knockers of the system it is obvious that there is discontent.

Instead of your criticism of clubs that do not send boys, why don't you ask them to write and tell you their experiences of regional trials.

Being an intelligent man you should be able to recognise genuine complaints and maybe through your column be able to get the present system changed to the benefit of all the boys in soccer, not just the chosen few. PS My coaches have bet me you won't print this.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Wright.
(Secretary)

Well, Mrs Wright, your letter is not easy to comment on,

anything. First of all you say "unfair rejection." What you mean by this? You don't tell me.

Second, you say "some boys are not given the chance to play for the region/State." Once again you don't tell me what makes you say that.

Third you want the system changed... O.K. you want it changed... but to what or how? Unless you write to me again about what it is you want changed, how do I know?

Lastly, your coaches lost their bet. I thought they knew me better than that, so do me a favour... write again with some more details about what has happened at these trials and also what you think should be changed... OK?

My address again: 16 Saturn

Bottalico junior has talent

This is Jimmy Bottalico, 16, son of Fil Bottalico, the former APLA star player and coach.

Jimmy, ruggedly built like his father, alternates between APLA's under 16 and Third Grade teams, and scored four goals in a recent under 16 game against Guildford.



Smith for transfer

Juventus (Vic) midfielder Charlie Smith is on the transfer list at his own request.

This follows his refusal to sit on the bench after being dropped from the Phillips Cup game against George Cross.

Coaches to meet

The next meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Victorian Coaches Association will be at the Ringwood United ground, Wonga Road, Ringwood North, at 7.30 pm on Monday, June 5.

The new Victorian director of coaching, Len McKendry, will be in charge, assisted by staff coaches.

The session will be of particular interest to all coaches of senior clubs and players wishing to learn the techniques of coaching.

Further information is available from D. Barker on 848 6298.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

Postponed match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Monday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Schintler Reserve, (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)
54 1787 (L)

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. Phone (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR:



Postponed match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Monday 3 pm.

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.

FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

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SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne.
(03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 3 pm.



Miss S. M. Hellas Quest Contestant 1978
NAME: Mary Fournarakis
AGE: 16 years
PLACE OF BIRTH: Athens Greece
OCCUPATION: Sales Assistant
HOBBIES: Dancing, Ice Skating, Music & Cooking
SPONSOR:
For further enquiries ring Mrs Lucy Farmakis
Tel. 429 2655 - 91 6791 or Mr Denis
Kallinikos 699 4547
Miss Hellas quest judging December 8 at
Southern Cross Hotel.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

General Manager: Mike Whitewood
(Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park.

COLOURS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181

SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskinvale Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinvale

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices **epatra**

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **ST GEORGE** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 3 pm.

